Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions
Woman's Board of Home Missions
Records, 1866-1958
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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

In response to the urging of Sheldon Jackson and various prominent Presbyterian women, the 99th General Assembly (PCUSA) (1877) organized the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. The initial purpose of the Committee was to provide schools and teachers for the mission fields in the western and southwestern US. The Committee supported missionaries among the Mormons in Utah and among the Native American and Spanish-speaking peoples of the southwest. Eventually, this work was extended to Alaska, Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Appalachians.

In addition to carrying out field work, the Woman's Committee published many pamphlets and leaflets, a missionary magazine entitled Home Mission Monthly, and an annual "Prayer Calendar," which eventually merged with the foreign missionary yearbook to become the Yearbook of Prayer. In 1897, the Committee's name was changed to Woman's Board of Home Missions.

In 1915 the Woman's Board incorporated; at this point it ceased to be a subsidiary of the Board of Home Missions. In 1923 the Woman's Board merged with seven other boards and agencies of the church to create one unified Board of National Missions, and its work was divided between two units of the new Board. Publications were taken over by the Unit of Education and Publicity, and work with the schools and hospitals in Alaska and the United States became the responsibility of the Unit of Educational and Medical Work.

Katharine Bennett, president of the Woman's Board at the time of the merger, became the first vice-president of the BNM. She also chaired the Woman's Committee of the BNM, which was comprised of the BNM's female members and was created to give the women continued jurisdiction over what had been their work for over fifty years. The Woman's Board continued to function as a holding corporation until the 1958 reunion of the PCUSA and the UPCNA.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes minutes, reports, correspondence, financial records and publications of the Woman's Executive Committee/Woman's Board of Home Missions, 1866-1924.

The collection is arranged as follows:

SERIES 1: CORPORATE RECORDS, 1870-1946
- Administrative Structure
  - Formation
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NOTES TO RESEARCHERS

Record Groups 48, 51, and 105 were combined and reprocessed with material from the library to form this collection.

For conservation reasons, the volumes in RG 48 were disbound and the pages placed within acid-free folders.

As the official change from the Woman's Board to the Board of National Missions did not take effect until late in the year of 1923, there are a few items in this collection dated 1924 which relate to work which went on during the previous year. Although the Women's Board continued to exist after the reorganization, the body which oversaw the day-to-day mission work was the Woman's Committee of the BNM. Those records will be found in RG 305.1 Post-1923 records in this collection, such as the minutes in Series 2, are the records of the Woman's Board as a legal entity rather than a mission board.

A cardfile index to the 1888-1913 correspondence (Series 4, above) is available in the library. The index is chronological.

Related collections include:

RG 239	Sheldon Jackson Collection
RG 301.8	BNM, Unit of Schools and Hospitals/Dept of Educational and Medical Work Records
RG 305.1	BNM, Woman's Committee Records

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	6	Organization/Plan of Work/ByLaws
	7	President Louisa B. Green--Memorial Service, Condolence Correspondence, 1884-85
	8	Questions on Home Missions and Women's Work, 1882, n.d.
	9	Record Book--Membership, Synodical Members, Scholarships, Teachers, 1880-81
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	13	WBHM--ByLaws, 1924
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	77	Scholarships--Policies, List of Scholarships, 915-21
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	5	Programs, 1883-96 (scattered)
	6	WBHM Report/Transcript of Meeting, 1910
	7	Report/Transcript of Meeting, 1911
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	15	Austin, Isabelle--Alaska, 1881
	16	Austin, Linda--Alaska, 1880
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	18	Ayer, E.C–Utah
	19	Bartlett, Nellie--Utah, 1880-81
	20	Bartlett, P.M. and Mrs--Tennessee, 1881-83
	21	Bentley, A.W–New Mexico
	22	Bentley, S.A–New Mexico, 1881
	23	Best, Kate--Utah, 1880-81
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	25	Bryan, R.W.D–New Mexico, 1882
	26	Canning, Grace--Utah, 1880
	27	Constant, Nellie--Indian Territory (Seminoles), 1881
	28	Corrales, Sue Perea–New Mexico, 1879
	29	Cort, Arthur–Utah, 1880
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	30	Cort, W.C–Utah, 1880-81
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	34	Dunbar, M.J–Alaska, 1880
	35	Ealy, Mary–New Mexico, 1879-81
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	40	Higgins, Mary--Colorado, 1881
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	44	Leonard, George--Utah, 1881
	45	Leonard, Lottie--Utah, 1881
	46	Lewis, May--Utah, 1881
	47	Martin, George--Utah, 1880-81
	48	Martin, J.W–Idaho, 1880
	49	McDonald, Ella--Utah, 1881
	50	McFarland, Amanda–Alaska, 1880-81
	51	McKean, Annie–Utah, 1880-81
	52	McMillan, D.J–District Superintendent of Home Missions (Utah), 1880-82
	53	McMullin, Sallie–Utah, 1880-81
	54	McNeice, Robert–Utah, 1879-81
	55	Moore, Mary--Utah
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	59	Parks, C.M–Utah, 1880-81
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	61	Phillips, H.N–New Mexico, 1880-81
	62	Pierce, Clara--Utah, 1881
	63	Rea, S.C–Utah, 1880-81
	64	Scovel, Marcia–Utah, 1880-81
	65	Sharon, W.C–New Mexico, 1881
	66	Shearer, J.S–New Mexico, 1881-82
	67	Shields, J.M–New Mexico, 1880-81
	68	Shields, Lora--New Mexico, 1880-81
	69	Smalley, Mary–Iowa, Utah, 1880-81
	70	Smith, Elizabeth--New Mexico, 1880-81
		Sorenson, Sallie–see McMullin, Sallie (above)
	71	Stevenson, R. Anna--Utah, 1881
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	73	Taylor, Charles and Mrs--New Mexico, Arizona, 1880-81
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	77	Wheeler, P.H–Utah, 1881
	78	Willard, Mrs. Eugene--Alaska, 1882
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	80	Wood, Mariette–New Mexico, 1881
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29	1	The Experience of Chilcat George, 1900
	2	Kahtlian: A Chief of the Raven Tribe, 1906
	3	Ka-Ta-Da, 1906
	4	A Life Worth While: Mrs. A.R. McFarland
	5	A Native Missionary in Alaska, 1901
	6	Questions on Alaska, 1900, 1903
	7	Rev. Sheldon Jackson, DD: Progressive Missionary, 1911
	8	The Schoolhouse Farthest West; St. Lawrence Island, 1910
	9	Sheldon Jackson: Pioneer in the New West, 1898, 1905
	10	The Sheldon Jackson School, Sitka, 1910
	11	The Thlinket Band
		NATIVE AMERICANS
	12	David Brainerd--Life Sketch, 1902
	13	Home Mission Exercise--The Indian, 1898
	14	Home Mission Schools Map Talk--The Present Day Indian, 1907
	15	How the Teacher Came for Tachnee, 1896
	16	A Missionary Heroine (Sue McBeth), 1896
	17	Missions among the North American Indians, 1903
	18	One Little Injun, 1912
	19	One Woman's Way (Kate McBeth), 1917
	20	The True Story of Marcus Whitman, 1902

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	25	Albuquerque School for Mexican Boys, 1897
	26	At the John Hyson Memorial Mission
	27	Benito: A True Story
	28	Betty's Trip to New Mexico, 1915
	29	A Community Influence--Elizabeth W. Craig
	30	Forsythe Memorial School, Los Angeles
	31	Franciso: A True Story
	32	Home Life in a New Mexican Village
	33	Home Mission Schools Map Talk--Missions among the Mexicans, 1904, 1912
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	36	A New Setting for Las Vegas, NM School, 1894
	37	Our Work in the Mexican Field
	38	Pen Pictures from Our New Mexican Field, 1912
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	40	Preparing for Life--Sketch of Santa Fe Boarding Schools, 1911
		Puerto Rico/Cuba
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	42	Carmita Goes to School, 1909
	43	Finding the Truth in Porto Rico, 1909-10
	44	Home Missions Schools Map Talk--Porto Rico and Cuba, 1906, 1910
	45	Map Studies on Porto Rico; Star 49 and Supplement, 1910
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	51	Presbyterian Home Missions among the Mexicans, 1898, 1903
	52	Snapshots of New Mexico, 1917
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	6	For Guidance of Christian Endeavorers ...
	7	Handbook for Presbyterial and Synodical Workers, 1895
	8	How It Grew--Story of Woman's Organization, 1942
	9	How to Interest Children in Missions, 1912
	10	Manual for Executive Officers, 1916
	11	Missions Mapped and Budgeted, 1921-23
	12	Origin and Development of the WBHM, 1912
	13	The School Work of the Board of Home Missions
	14	The Technique of Home Missions for Presbyterian Women
	15	Woman's Board of Home Missions--A Definition
	16	Woman's Board of Home Missions--A Short History, ca.1923
	17	Woman's Missionary Societies vs. General Claims on the Church
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		MISCELLANEOUS
	19	All the Day Long: A Service of Praise, 1912
	20	5 Points of a Star Missionary Society, 1910
	21	A Home Missionary Sermon
	22	Intelligent Advancement, 1905
	23	Our Greatest National Inheritance
	24	Presbyterian Pioneers--7 Denominational Lessons, 1908-09
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	26	Thank-Offering of Fairtown, 1900
	27	Why No More Time for the Master's Work, 1898
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		Pennsylvania Synod reports, 1883

Dictated. New York, January 6, 1904.

Mrs. Chauncey Miller,

Nichols, New York.

Dear Mrs. Miller:-

Your letter to Mrs. Pingry has come into my hands, as she retired from the office the middle of October. We do not supply clothing for day schools any longer, but do need clothing for our boarding schools and it is a great help when societies are willing to prepare it. We recognize the fact that one of the ways to create an interest in Home Mission work is to give our workers something to do, and women enjoy sewing while they can be talking together in regard to the missionary work.

Should you desire to sew for a boarding school there will be no difficulty about the garments fitting them, for if you write here what you want to do, we can send you the measurements and the exact number of each article required. While some of our societies probably do make short pants, yet I think we do not generally get them from the societies, but clothing for girls is very acceptable. At Good Will, South Dakota, such clothing is needed, and also at Sitka, Alaska. In order to get the children to come to our boarding schools it is necessary that we provide them with everything, and while the money could be used in purchasing clothing, we believe that it creates greater interest in the work when the women do the sewing.

Trusting that your society may continue to prosper and that the interest in the cause of Home Missions may increase, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 8, 1904.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

226 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. James:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Ellis of Washington saying that Secretary Cortelyou of the Department of Commerce and Labor, which now includes the immigration service, tells her that five women have been appointed as matrons; that they board the ships and do practially the same work as was formerly done by the women inspectors. One of these women, a Mrs. Waters, is from Utah, and one very naturally wonders if she may not be affiliated with the Mormon Church. As they are colonizing everywhere, this would give them a grand opportunity of bringing in girls from Europe, and we ought to find out at once where she came from in Utah, and whether she is really affilliated with the Mormon Church and may not be one of their missionaries. I pass the information on to you and will be very glad to do anything you want me to do. Perhaps Mr. James can in some way find out from what point in Utah she comes. It certainly is a very serious question.

I tried to get you on the phone last night but you were not in.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 9, 1904.

Miss Kate G. Putnam,

765 Washington St.,

Buffalo, New York.

Dear Miss Putnam:-

Your letter to Miss Lincoln, in reference to the arrangements for our Annual meeting at the time of General Assembly, has been placed in my hands as Secretary of the Woman's Board, and we shall probably have to have a good deal of correspondence between now and the meeting of General Assembly. We are very glad of your letter, though we had been planning to write you, but it shows how warm the welcome will be from the presbyterial society. I shall try to reply in detail to your questions, and if I do not make everything perfectly clear, do not hesitate to ask additional ones.

First, in regard to the number of delegates:- The synodical presidents or secretaries and the vice-presidents of the Woman's Board are the regularly accredited delegates for the Annual meeting. There will probably be about thirty of these, and seven representatives from the office; that is, including Mrs. V. P. Boggs, Secretary of the Freedmen's Department. They are:- Mrs. James, our President, Dr. McAfee, Superintendent of Schools, Miss Lincoln, our Treasurer, Miss Petrie, Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. Finks, our Editor, Mrs. Boggs and myself as Secretary of the Board. For these representatives from the office we desire entertainment under one roof - a small hotel or boarding house - but the price must not exceed two dollars per day. Because of the heavy

(Miss Putnam, #2.)

responsibilities resting upon the representatives from the office, it is absolutely essential that each one have a room to herself. Of course, it will greatly add to the comfort of these workers if we may be easily accessible to both the Assembly's Church and the church that will be secured for our meetings. The Board expects to pay for this entertainment.

The synodical delegates all like to be under the same roof, if possible, with the office force. This gives opportunity for conference and social intercourse. Be sure to arrange for the use of a parlor for conference and the morning prayer meeting which will be held each day.

Our workers will probably arrive on Wednesday evening, May 18th, ready for the opening session of General Assembly on May 19th, and will remain until the following Wednesday night.

Entertainment. We invite one speaker from each field to be present for the Annual meeting who will remain throughout the sessions. There will probably be six in all for whom we ask entertainment in homes. Frequently there are more than this and the ladies usually entertain all the workers from the field who come, but this is not compulsory. It is possible that the representative of the Freedmen's work may be a colored woman, but we will let you know of that in ample time.

Church and meetings. The first setp necessary is to secure a church for our meetings accessible to the Assembly's Church, which, I understand, is the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church. It is not essential that this be a Presbyterian Church, but it is essential that it be near at hand, because many of the ladies like

(Miss Putnam #3.)

to attend the Assembly's meetings, and in coming from one to another it means a great loss of time. It is probable that this church or its ante-room will be needed, 1st, for the union prayer meetings at 9.30 o'clock from Friday mroning till the following Wednesday morning, May 20th to 25th. 2nd. For the all day Annual meeting on Friday - of course, in the church. 3rd. For the reception of missionaries on Saturday morning. 4th. For the Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon business sessions. It is probable that the Foreign Board will hold their Monday all day meeting in the church. For the past three years we have attended the meeting of the Foreign Board in the morning, but in the afternoon have held an informal conference in a smaller room. This we have found to be most necessary, and two years ago it was decided that it should, hereafter, be recognized as a part of the meetings. In addition to the sessions mentioned, we ordinarily have an evening lecture in the Assembly's Church on Saturday evening. This has usually been Mr. Finks' stereopticon, but at this date we can not make positive arrangements. Then, we have a popular missionary meeting, in the Assembly's Church, on Sunday afternoon. These are regularly scheduled meetings held annually in connection with General Assembly, and it would be well for your Committee of Arrangements to have charge of any additional work that may need to be done.

In the March Home Mission Monthly, as well as in the April number, we shall publish your name as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and you will probably receive a good many letters

(Miss Putnam, # 4)

asking for information concerning rates of board and possible entertainment.

Program. The program is prepared here. We shall expect you, as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, to give the notices from the platform. Please notify us what hymn book is used in the church, for we select the hymns here and print the words in our program. We would be glad to have you furnish three special pieces of music to be sung at the time of the offering Friday morning, Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon.

The local committee provides badges - one color for the officers and another color for the delegates.

While it seems a long time until the meeting of the General Assembly, yet we all understand that arrangements such as these must be made a long time in advance, and we are glad that you will be getting such a good start. When these matters are decided, especially in regard to the church, we will be glad to hear from you, as it will not be long until many letters of inquiry will come here. We will probably have to write you a good many letters but assure you that we will do all in our power to make this meeting interesting and helpful, and do not hesitate to forward any inquiry to us that may demand our attention. We are all looking forward to the meetings at Buffalo, and trust that the attendance may be large and that it may be full of inspiration for the work and the workers.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, January ...

Mrs. J. T. Kelly,

1367 Kenesaw Ave., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:-

As you know by this time, the program are completed and we have sent you a number. If you want more let us know and we shall be glad to send them. We have not only sent copies of the program to all the presbyterial and synodical presidents, but the Methodist Church takes five thousand copies, the Baptist Church three thousand copies, and we have sent samples to each national organization and to the State Presidents of all the Congregational Societies, so that we have done considerable advertising, and hope the day may be generally observed. We shall observe it here with an all day meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd, and are hoping that each Presbyterian Church, as well as churches of the other denominations, may observe the day. Our idea of having the meeting on Tuesday is that we always have, as you know, a meeting here on that day, and we felt that many of the workers would be glad to attend the Tuesday meeting and also arrange for a similar meeting in their own churches.

We felt your name, as having arranged the program, ought to be upon it, and we are hoping the general observance of the day may mean a spiritual uplift everywhere.

Very cordially yours,

Eva J. Poole

Dictated. New York, January 12, 1904.

Mrs. J. T. Kelly,

1367 Kenesaw Ave., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:-

We sent copies of the Call and the program to each one of the presbyterial presidents, asking them to co-operate in the general observance of the day.

I asked that a dozen copies of the program be sent you but can not tell from your letter whether you had received them or not, but perhaps it would be well for me to send you some more.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, January 14, 1904.

Mrs. Washington Choate,

Field Point Road, Greenwich, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Choate:-

We are very glad of the promised co-operation of the Connecticut Congregational Home Missionary Union, and I have handed your order for program to our Secretary of Literature and it will be filled at once. We are hoping that the day may be generally observed and that it will mean a spiritual uplift to the missionary cause and an arrest of thought in regard to the danger from national evils.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, January 15, 1904.

Miss M. G. Burdette,

2411 Indiana Ave.,

Chicago, Ills.

Dear Miss Burdette:-

I have placed your order for the three thousand copies of the program for the Day of Humiliation and Prayer in the Literature Department, and without doubt you have received them by this time.

We are very glad for your information in regard to the order in which the programs were to have been prepared, as I am new here in the office, and the others seemed to have forgotten.

I presented your thought in regard to asking the Foreign Missionary Societies to unite with us at the meeting of the Woman's Board, but our ladies seemed to feel that as the Day of Humiliation and Prayer was appointed especially to pray for our own country and its deliverance from national evils, that while many of the Foreign women are interested in the Home work as well, yet it would be better to confine the services to our own country rather than bring in other nations. We shall, however, send an invitation to the members of our Foreign Boards to attend the all day meeting which will be held in our rooms.

Hoping that the day may be generally observed and that it may mean spiritual uplift to the Home Mission work and an arrest of thought in regard to national evils, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, January 18, 1904.

Mrs. J. F. Pingry,

Box 260, Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Pingry:-

At a conference the other day we were discussing the matter of bills of fare for our various schools, and Mrs. James felt that we ought to have some sort of a dietary. While perhaps just the same kind of food would not be suitable for all the schools, yet it could be adapted and we might thereby be enabled to reduce expenses and still bring it about that our children should be better nourished than they are now. Mrs. James asked me to write you if you would not prepare a letter to be sent out to the various schools asking for their bills of fare. If you would prepare such a letter we will send it out from this office, so that you would be relieved of the burden. In the meantime, I am asked to correspond with some State institutions and homes, especially those in Massachusetts, with a view of getting their bills of fare, so that when the returns are in we may be able to compile a satisfactory dietary.

Hoping that Miss Willard is improving, and with love from all in the office, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 18, 1904.

Mrs. John S. Bussing,

26 East 10th St., City.

Dear Mrs. Bussing:-

Allow me to express to you on behalf of our society our sympathy for you in the loss that has come to your church and society in the death of your Secretary, Mrs. Horton. It is difficult sometimes for those who are so greatly interested in a good cause to realize how the work must go on, even though the workers are taken away, but it must and does go on and we can only trust in God, who is more interested in the success of our work than we can possibly be.

Referring to the matter of the Day of Humiliation and Prayer, we have sent sample copies of the program to the Presidents of all national organizations, and without doubt you have received yours before this.

In regard to the day being observed by a union service of all denominations in New York City:- Upon inquiry I find that while it has been observed in this way for several years the attendance has been very small, so small that very few people were reached, and in that sense the meeting was almost a failure. After conferring with the Woman's Board here, we decided that perhaps more people would be reached if it were recommended that meetings be held in each church, or by each denomination, on that day at some central

(Mrs. Bussing, #2.

place, the same general program being used, the idea being that in that way more women would feel responsibility for the observance of the day. We will hold an all day meeting in the rooms of the Woman's Board on Tuesday, February 23rd, from eleven to four. Shall plan to have different leaders each hour, with the hope that we may not only have united prayer on that day but that those who will have meetings in their own churches on Thursday may be able to come here and catch some of the inspiration and some of the methods. This seemed to our ladies to be preferable to a union service of all the denominations, gladly as we would have united in such a service.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, January 18, 1904.

Mrs. Herbert Campbell,

Newtown, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Campbell:-

Your letter at hand, and I am very glad to answer your question. The special objects are sent to each synod very soon after the Annual meeting, and the ones assigned Indiana for this year were $1,100 for the Utah Day School Work, while the C. E. Societies support Mr. William A. Kelly, Superintendent of the Sitka Training School. These objects are sent down from the synod to the presbyterial societies. In addition to that, this year, we are making quite a point of the special silver anniversary offering, with which we hope to build, equip and endow a Boys' School at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Of course, it will be necessary for this money to be in before the end of the fiscal year, March 31st. In addition to this, your presbyterial society provides the salary of Miss Lillian North, who is one of the teachers at Tucson, Arizona. Of course, it becomes the duty of the presbyterial officers to see that all these apportionments are met, because if even one presbytery falls behind it means that there would be a deficit.

In regard to box work:- I understand that Indiana, being a self-supporting Synod, looks after its own box work. While possibly in some cases the money would mean more to the missionary than the box, yet we have found that people will contribute material for

(Mrs. Campbell, #2.)

boxes who would not feel they could give the money outright, and it gives our societies something to do. Should any of your auxiliaries desire to work for any of the schools, if they will write me here, we will be very glad to assign them a school.

If there are any other questions you desire to ask, do not hesitate to do so and I will be glad to give you all the information in my power.

Trusting that your presbyterial officers' meeting may be exceedingly helpful, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, January 18, 1904.

Mrs. Charles L. Bailey,

31 South Front St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:-

Thank you very much for the list of presbyteries, with the time of their annual meeting.

We have extended the time for the silver offering until the 31st of March, and while only about $5,000 has been received up to date, we know that a great many presbyterial treasurers are holding the money until they can get it all in. About 150,000 silver anniversary offering envelopes have been sent out, and we still hope for good returns. Up to date, Pennsylvania has sent the largest amount of any synod.

I was in Philadelphia last Wednesday, and, although it was a very stormy day, we had a good meeting and I enjoyed meeting the ladies.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year, and hoping we may see you here before long, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 20, 1904.

Mrs. V. O. Burtis,

Westfield, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Burtis:-

Mrs. James asks me to write you inquiring whether you need any more members upon your Committee on Alaska. We like to assign each newly elected member to some special field and, of course, there is danger of some committees becoming too large and others not having enough members in them. We would also like to ask who are effective members of your committee, and whether there are any who do not attend the meetings or take any special interest in the work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, January 20, 1904.

Mrs. H. Lindeman,

2 West 129th St., City.

Dear Mrs. Lindeman:-

Mrs. James asks me to write you inquiring whether you need any more members upon your Committee on the Indians. We like to assign each newly elected member to some special field and, of course, there is danger of some committees becoming too large and others not having enough members in them. We would also like to ask who are effective members of your committee, and whethere there are any who do not attend the meetings or take any special interest in the work.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, January 20, 1904.

Dr. Grace W. Atkins,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Atkins:-

In a letter from Mr. MacLean to Mr. Olin he referred to the fact that Dr. Lindsay has asked that the woman employed by the Government to instruct the nurses be given a place in our hospital, the Government, of course, to pay her salary. The matter was brought up at the meeting of the Woman's Board yesterday, as the hospital is the property of the Woman's Board. After some conference among the women, it was decided to write and ask you, as the head of the hospital force, for your opinion in regard to the matter, and what advantages would accrue therefrom. The ladies have long felt that attempts to unite our work with the Government in any way have never been successful, inasmuch as it involves complications which sometimes cripple the work, but they do not want to take any step in the matter without conferring with you. While this request had not come to us officially, yet it came in a way that made us feel that such a thing was contemplated and, of course, it could not be done without the authority from the Woman's Board.

We know how busy you must be all the time with the responsibility of the supervision of the hospital, but we assure you that we have the greatest sympathy for you and desire that you may not be overburdened.

(Dr. Atkins, #2.)

We are looking forward anxiously to the reports of the opening of the hospital, and any items of interest that you can send us from time to time will be greatly appreciated. You can hardly realize with what eagerness the women look for news from the field, about the work and the workers, and especially when a new enterprise has been undertaken.

With kind regards to all the hospital force, and wishing for all of you good health and the continued blessing of God in all the perplexities which you must be called upon to meet, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 20, 1904.

Mrs. J. T. Lapsley,

Danville, Kentucky.

Dear Mrs. Lapsley:-

Thank you very much for your list of the dates of the presbyterial meetings in Kentucky. We regret that your mother has been ill, and your not sending the blank earlier has in no way inconvenienced us but we wanted our listscomplete before we had to use them in arranging them for the spring presbyterials.

Wishing for your work the greatest prosperity, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 20, 1904.

Mrs. E. N. Barrett,

Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Barrett:-

Thank you very much for your words of greeting to the new Secretary. No apology is necessary for not having introduced yourself earlier. We are all such busy people, and the days go by so quickly that we are all liable to fail in some other things which are not quite so pressing.

I have now been in the office for three months and while I realize that mine is a difficult place to fill, because of the great affection for Mrs. Pierson and her acceptability to all the workers, nevertheless the greetings have been cordial and everywhere there has been most active co-operation. I cam here because I believed it to be God's call for service, and shall earnestly strive to conserve every interest of the Woman's Board.

We are hoping that the Day of Humiliation will be generally observed, and have sent a copy of the Call to each of the presbyterial presidents; it will, also, be published in the Home Mission Monthly, together with some suggestions in regard to the observance of the day.

Thanking you for your good wishes and wishing for you and the work of your synodical society the blessing of God, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, January 20, 1904.

Mrs. W. W. Smith,

38 South Hamilton St.,

Poughkeepsie, New York.

Dear Mrs. Smith:-

We had a little praise meeting here in the office this morning when your letter came telling us that you and Mr. Smith would assume the salart of Rev. Mr. Taylor, if he could be secured for the work in the French Broad Presbytery. How I do thank God that you have responded to this appeal, and when we presented it at the conference in the Home Board, they were equally joyful and thankful. Dr. Thompson will at once correspond with Mr. Taylor and see how soon he will be available for the field, and arrange the details. I hope nothing may interfere with his going, because I believe he is just the one you would like to have represent you there. I have delivered your message to Miss Lincoln.

We will keep you posted as to the negotiations with Mr. Taylor, and I presume it will be time enough to send the rest of the money when we notify you that he is on the field. I am very happy over this, and I know it will be a great pleasure to you and Mr. Smith to feel you have just this sort of a man preaching the Gospel among a class of people who are destined to become the very best American citizens.

With a great deal of love to both of you and gratitude to God for all His mercies to you, I am, as ever,

Your friend,

E. A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 26, 1904.

Mrs. B. B. Comegys, Jr.,
503 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Comegys:-

At a recent meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, in response to the request of the Editorial Committee of "Over Sea and Land" that the Woman's Board submit to them a definite proposition in regard to "Over Sea and Land," the following resolution was adopted:-

"If there is a deficit at the end of the year 1904, the Woman's Board will take the paper and publish it for a period of three years, with the understanding that the Foreign Boards hold themselves responsible for the same amount of deficit each year, if it occurs, that we have usually paid."

We now ask that this proposition be submitted to the seven Foreign Boards for their opinion in regard to it. Of course, should it be accepted, it would be with the understanding that "Over Sea and Land" was to continue to be devoted equally to the interests of Home and Foerign Mission work.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, January 27, 1904.

Mr. William A. Kelly,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

We want to secure the dietary of each of our schools and must ask the co-operation of the Principals and matrons. Will you please send me the diet list of your school for a week, giving the food at each of the three meals?

Do the teachers board in the school? If so, do they have the same food as the pupils? If at separate tables, with different food, do they provide it themselves or is it furnished from the general fund? What is the average per capita cost per week in your school? An early reply to these questions will be appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Ella A Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 27, 1904.

Government School,

Carlisle, Penna.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly send us the diet list of your school, and the per capita cost of food per week? Do the teachers and workers have the same food as the children, or do they eat at different tables, with a different dietary? Is the arranging of this diet the rule of the school, or is it dependent upon the judgment of those in charge?

Thanking you in advance and assuring you of our appreciation of the help this may be to us, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Soole.

(Mrs. Campbell, #3.)

ty for the arrangements for this day. We hope that it may be generally observed and that it will mean a spiritual uplift for all Home Mission workers and an arrest of thought upon the evils of the day.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Soole.

Dictated. New York, January 28, 1904.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

826 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. James:-

While it is possible you may be in to-morrow, yet I send along this message. It was Mrs. Bennett's recommendation that you be asked to lead the first hour upon the Day of Humiliation and Prayer, and that meets with the hearty approval of the workers here in the office and so we pass it along to you as a part of our plan, and hope that that, with the rest of the program as outlined, will meet with your approval.

For the second hour we will ask Mrs. Weston. From two to three we will put it in the hands of Mrs. Bennett to secure Mrs. Nelson, if possible. If not, to get some one else. From three to four we shall ask Mrs. John Sinclair.

I think you will be glad to hear that in one place the women will hold cottage prayer meetings the week before the day appointed and then unite in a union service upon February 25th. We are having a good many letters from our Presbyterial Secretaries in regard to the day, and hope and pray that it may be generally observed.

Very cordially yours,

Ella H. Poole,

Dictated. New York, January 28, 1904.

Mrs. Frederick Eggert,

The Hobart-Curtis, Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Eggert:-

Your letter enclosing order for the program for the Interdenominational Service of Humiliation and Prayer has been handed to our Literature Secretary and without doubt she has filled the order before this. We are hoping that the day may be generally observed and that it may mean a spiritual uplift to our workers and an arrest of thought on the evils of the day.

I note your inquiry upon your card. Rev. William H. Boole was my husband. He passed away February 24, 1896. I was a Presbyterian before we were married, and after a number of years returned to the church of my girlhood days, and about three months ago entered upon the work as Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. I presume you must have known Mr. Boole in some of his pastorates, where he had very many warm friends; he was a man no one ever forgot.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, February 5, 1904.

Miss Catharine Shafer,

Box 17, Pine Bush, New York.

Dear Miss Shafer:-

I presume you have been waiting to hear from me as to the use which the Woman's Board will put the check for one thousand dollars that you sent us. We have considered the matter very carefully and have decided, if it meets with your approval, that it be used to complete the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. Just about $1,000.00 is needed, and as you felt you wanted it used to help both the Foreign and the Home work it seemed to us that this hospital at San Juan particularly met that need. We will send you some letters in regard to this work.

Dr. Atkins, who is the physician in charge, is a devoted Christian woman, as are her helpers, Dr. Harris and the nurses, Miss Burns and Miss Bogert. Notwithstanding her private practice, which she turns into the hospital, and all the work in connection with the building and the opening up of the hospital, she finds time to teach the infant class.

If this meets with your approval, you will receive letters three times a year in regard to the hospital and will be able to keep in touch with the specific work which your money is doing. The hospital there not only is to heal the body but to heal the soul, and the work done by the doctors and nurses is really religious work.

(Miss Shafer, #2.)

Hoping that this will meet with your approval, and assuring you that we know of no place where the thousand dollars can help any more than at this point where the work is being about completed, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Honorable James S. Sherman,

Chairman of Indian Affairs,

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

To the Congress of the United States:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, representing a constituency of more than 300,000 women, hereby respectfully petition and request the House of Representatives of the United States to investigate the condition of the landless Indians in Northern California and to grant their lands in severalty substantially as suggested by the Northern California Indian Association, if, after investigation, such action be thought advisable, and to give such further relief as their necessities demand.

Mary E. Lowe

President. (WBHM)

Ella A. Boole

Corresponding Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Englewood, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

We were sorry you could not be at the meeting this morning. Will you be kind enough to see that we have the program for the third Tuesday meeting each month at least ten days before the time of the meeting? Mrs. Baker must send out the notices on Monday of the week preceding the meeting, and sometimes it happens - just as this month - that we here in the office have no details to give her. I happened to know that Mrs. Nelson was to prepare the program, for she wrote for some material, but otherwise even that information would not have been at hand.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Mrs. Joseph Magill,

C/o. Mr. A. T. De La Mare,

Box 1697, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Magill:-

By action of the Woman's Board of Home Missions I was directed to express to you the sympathy of the Board in the great sorrow that has come to you in the death of your husband, and to say that you have our prayers that God will comfort you in this time of grief. Times such as these are not times for words, but we do sympathize with you and pray for you, knowing that God has many promises for the widow and the fatherless.

At the meeting of the Board, this morning, words of appreciation of your husband as a Christian gentleman and a business man who conducted his business on Christian principles were spoken, and the greatest sympathy expressed.

Praying that the blessing which God means to come in every great sorrow may be yours, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,

C/o. Mrs. C. E. Nichols,

Marinette, Wisconsin.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

Your letter came several days ago, and we are always glad to hear from you and of the details in regard to your work.

Your order for helps was handed over to Miss Rue.

We are so glad you keep well in the midst of the bitter cold weather, but I am afraid you will not find it any better when you enter Wisconsin.

We are looking forward to the fact that you will be in New York in March and I shall be very glad to get acquainted with you.

Your days are so busy that I wonder sometimes how you get the time to write as often as you do. We think of you often and heartily appreciate the work you are doing. There is no harder work than that of visiting weak societies when the attendance is small and the enthusiasm must all be manufactured by the speaker.

Praying God's richest blessing upon you in all your work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Mrs. R. E. Hills,

Delaware, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Hills:--

Learning from Mrs. Palmer of her recent visit to your Presbytery and some of the conditions there, I write urging the assigning of definite amounts and definite objects to the various societies for their work. We find it greatly increases the interest of the women to have some particular teacher or school or minister for whom they are collecting funds, and that the personal letters and appeals make it very much easier to get the money. A case in point: About three weeks ago I went to Jamaica, Long Island, to address a Sabbath school, and in the course of my address said something about the heroic service which had been done by a certain teacher in New Mexico. I told the story of what she had done in a recent epidemic of diptheria. At the close of my address some one came to me and said, "Mrs. Boole, was not that Miss B. of Trementina, New Mexico.?" I said, "yes," and they replied, "well that is our teacher; we pay her salary," and I could see that every one in that church was proud of the fact that they had such a representative in the Home Mission field. Of course, some do not quite believe in this plan, but I believe it is one of the secrets of the success that has attended the efforts of the Woman's Board to raise money.

With very kind regards and best wishes for the success of the work in your presbytery, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Mrs. George Tilden,
124 South 19th St.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Tilden:-

Your letter at hand.

The only Sunday in which the Woman's Board can approach the Sunday schools for an offering for their work is the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving, when all the contributions are given to us.

The program for the Sunday before Thanksgiving was on Sitka, and the other service is a patriotic service, and is to be held February 21st, and the contributions are for the work of the Board of Home Missions. It is probable that these are the programs you want, and because of lack of time I will hand the order over to the Literature Department.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Mrs. G. C. Campbell,

Ingleside Seminary,

Burkeville, Va.

Dear Mrs. Campbell:-

We are very glad indeed that Ingleside Seminary is planning to observe the Day of Humiliation and Prayer, and it gives us pleasure to furnish you with a sufficient number of programs for each of your students. We trust that the observance of the day may be a spiritual blessing to the young people and that it may be the means of helping them to realize the value of prayer and its part in delivering our land from national evils.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Miss Mary J. Harris,

204 Northampton St, Easton, Pa.

Dear Miss Harris:-

Rev. H. P. Corser has never been connected with the school work of the Woman's Board in Alaska; he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Fort Wrangel, but has left that work and started a work of his own in opposition to ours, so that any contribution to him would help neither the Home Board nor the Woman's Board.

Regretting that I can not give you information of a more pleasing character, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Mr. A. T. De La Mare,

Box 1697, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions this morning I was directed to express to you the sympathy of the Board in the death of your partner, Mr. Magill, and the appreciation of the Board for the many services that he and you have rendered to our organization. We sympathize with you in the loss of your partner and the added cares that must come to you in the re-organization of your business, and desire to express our appreciation of the gentlemanly and Christian character of Mr. Magill.

On behalf of the Board,

Yours sincerely,

Ella A. Boole

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 9, 1904.

Honorable William M. Stewart,

Chairman of Indian Affairs,

Senate Chamber, Washington, D. C.

To the Congress of the United States:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, representing a constituency of more than 200,000 women, hereby respectfully petition and request the Senate of the United States to investigate the condition of the landless Indians in Northern California and to grant their lands in severalty substantially as suggested by the Northern California Indian Association, if, after investigation, such action be thought advisable and to give such further relief as their necessities demand.

Mary E. Jones

President. (Mrs. D. M.)

Ella A. Coole.

Corresponding Secretary.

New York, February 10, 1904.

Dictated.

Dr. Grace W. Atkins,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Atkins:-

Your letter at hand, and we regret with you the delay incident to the opening of the hospital. We would, however, be very glad if you would notify us before the hospital is formally opened, because we in the office would like it very much if Mrs. James could represent the Woman's Board at the opening of the institution. While we may not be able to bring this about, still we shall work to that end.

There is an item we would like to know about. Has the road been cut through our property from the Country Club? If so, who authorized the cutting of that road, and what compensation has been tendered for the privilege of taking that much of our property? No one at the office knew that a road at that place was even contemplated.

We will be very glad to have you let us know by next mail of the prospects for the formal opening of the hospital, and about when you think it can take place, as we should like very much indeed to have Mrs. James there.

Rejoicing in the work you are doing, and assuring you that the Woman's Board instead of wanting to put obstacles in the way of the real interest of the work are desirous of helping every part of it and in every way they can, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, February 10, 1904.

Mrs. George Tilden,

124 South 19th St.,

Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Tilden:-

I have been asked to answer your letter to Mrs. James, inviting her to be present at your synodical meeting in October. If she were to know about the invitation, in the goodness of her heart she would say she would come, but we all feel here in the office that she must be saved from such long journeys. While she is not breaking much, yet it is to save her from breaking that we are determined to prevent her taking any more long Western trips. She loves the work of the Woman's Board and the cause of humanity so much that she can not say "no" when these calls come to her. We know it would be an inspiration to your workers could they meet her personally, and regret exceedingly to be obliged to write you in this way, but if we do not spare her it means we shall not have her with us many years, while if we do, she may be useful to the cause for many years to come. It is possible that some one from the office - and it is highly probable - may make a trip to the West for the synodical meetings, in which case we would be glad to include Nebraska in the list of synodical societies to be visited.

(Mrs. Tilden, #3.)

We are greatly pleased at the interest manifested in the Day of Humiliation and Prayer, and the Secretary of Literature has just informed me that the edition of 13,000 is about exhausted and we must order more. We are hoping and praying that the general observance of the day may mean a spiritual uplift to our workers and an arrest of thought in regard to national evils.

Again expressing the regret that Mrs. James can not come to you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, February 15, 1904.

Mrs. F. F. McCrea,
1505 Broadway,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. McCrea:-

I am sorry that no one seems to be available for Indiana for the spring meetings, but we will keep you in mind for the fall and if you have some one whom you would specially like to have visit your meetings, let us know and we will see what can be done. There is very great need that emphasis should be placed upon the Home work; it is a work for our country and for Christ, and unless it is emphasized often goes by default.

Mrs. James is preparing her presbyterial letter, which I hope will be ready in ample time for all the presbyterial meetings. I know she is at work upon it, but word has come to the office today that she is ill with the grippe. We hope it may be nothing serious, but I can not press matters upon her just now.

Let us know as soon as you can, conveniently, what will be the dates of your fall meetings, and if you have a preference for a worker. It is possible that Mrs. Flora D. Palmer might be available, if you would get in your application early enough. She is certainly one of the most enthusiastic and indefatigable workers we have, and is a blessing to any synod who may be fortunate enough

(Mrs. McCrea, #2.)

to secure her services. Of course, I can not say positively regarding her, for Miss White plans the meetings, but have no word that any appointments have been made for her for the fall as yet, and you know that it is in this, as in everything else, "first come first served."

Praying God's richest blessing upon you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

(Miss Casler, #2.)

of teachers we have those who are so devoted to our work and who do it for the sake of Christ.

Appreciating your remaining with us and praying God's richest blessing upon you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, February 17, 1904.

Mrs. J. T. Kelly,

1367 Kenesaw Ave., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:-

I thought you would be interested to know the demand for the program for the Day of Humiliation and Prayer. At first we ordered 12,000 copies, thinking that would be even more than would be needed, but have already placed a second edition of 3,000, and a third edition of 3,000 more is ordered. We are very thankful that the day will be so generally observed and are praying that it may mean much for our work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, February 18, 1904.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Finks:-

Mrs. James has appointed upon the special committee to consider "Over Sea and Land" the following:- Mrs. Finks, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Thompson. As we talked the matter over pretty fully at the meeting, and it was decided, after conferring with Mrs. James, to notify Mrs. Comegys to submit to the seven Foreign Boards the time at which the Woman's Board would undertake the publication of "Over Sea and Land" as January, 1905. Of course, we do not know whether the Foreign Boards will agree to the proposition or not, but it will be necessary for this special commitee to consider ways and means and confer with the Philadelphia ladies in the matter of the transfer of the paper, should the proposition be accepted.

Hoping that you will be willing to serve upon the committee, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 18, 1904.

Mrs. C. B. Walker,

28 West 128th St., City.

Dear Mrs. Walker:-

Mrs. James has appointed upon the special committee to consider "Over Sea and Land" the following:- Mrs. Finks, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Thompson. As we talked the matter over pretty fully at the meeting, and it was decided, after conferring with Mrs. James, to notify Mrs. Comegys to submit to the seven Foreign Boards the time at which the Woman's Board would undertake the publication of "Over Sea and Land" as January, 1905. Of course, we do not know whether the Foreign Boards will agree to the proposition or not, but it will be necessary for this special committee to consider ways and means and confer with the Philadelphia ladies in the matter of the transfer of the paper, should the proposition be accepted.

Hoping that you will be willing to serve upon the committee, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, February 18, 1904.

Mrs. B. B. Comegys, Jr.,

4054 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Comegys:-

I am sorry to have been so delayed in replying to your letter of February 11th, but it was necessary for us to present the matter to the Woman's Board and as Mrs. James was ill, it has made further delay.

After carefully discussing and considering the matter from each standpoint, while we know there would be advantages in beginning with the fiscal year, April 1, 1905, we still believe that if the transfer could be made so that we could issue our first paper, January, 1905, it would be better and, therefore, agree to your wording the question to be submitted so that it shall read:- "If there is a deficit for the year ending March 31, 1904, the Woman's Board of Home Missions will take the magazine, "Over Sea and Land," and publish it, beginning with the January number, 1905, for a period of three years, the Foreign Boards agreeing to be responsible for any deficit that may occur, up to the amount contributed annually for several years by the Woman's Board."

Of course, the ladies of the Foreign Boards may not accept the proposition, but we mean to be entirely fair in making it and want to assure them that the offer is not made in any spirit of criticism upon the past management, but the paper has been run

(Mrs. Comegys, #2.)

with a deficit for several years and we are willing to make the effort to see whether it can not be made self-supporting. Of course, you will let us know, at the earliest possible moment, what the decision is, because it will take a good deal of time to get ready for such an enterprise.

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Poole,

Dictated. New York, February 19, 1904.

Mrs. R. G. McNiece,
1136 Blaine Ave.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mrs. McNiece:-

Your order for programs for the Day of Humiliation and Prayer was handed to the Literature Department, and, as it was promptly filled, I presume you have received them before this. We have already sent out 20,000 copies of the program, and we believe the day will be very generally observed. We are hoping that it may mean a blessing for the work and a spiritual uplift for the workers.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Poole,

Dictated. New York, February 19, 1904.

Miss B. Mooney,

5705 Page Ave.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Miss Monney:-

You will get the latest news in regard to the work of Home Missions through the Home Mission Monthly, which, I suppose, you take.

I might call attention to two or three items which are matters of common interest. The hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, is nearly completed, and will be formally opened withing a few weeks. The new "Pierson Hall" at Albuquerque, New Mexico, is also about completed, and when finished will permit an increase in attendance of nearly one hundred. The special calls for new work are largely with the unreached Indians in Northern California, from which there comes most earnest pleas that we may open schools among them. An earnest appeal has also come from French Broad Presbytery for three new ministers in fields where churches are the direct outgrowth of our school work. We are very happy to say that a salary has been secured for one and part of another, and we are hoping that two ministers at least can be put upon that field very shortly.

We will look up the subscription list of the Home Mission monthly and if you are not already a subscriber will send you a copy of the February number. This is the agency by which we en-

(Miss Mooney, #2.)

deavor to get the news before our women and will be helpful to all. As you doubtless know, the price is only fifty cents per year. The March number will be out in a week or so, as will the Assembly Herald, in which you will also find items of interest in Home Missionary work.

Trusting that this is the information you want, and hoping that your meeting may be profitable and interesting, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, February 25, 1904.

Mrs. H. C. Olin,
63 Chestnut St.,
East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Olin:-

We are very sorry that you have been sick for so long and unable to be with us.

The meeting on Tuesday was an excellent one, and the attendance was fully as large as we had reason to expect. The meeting continued from eleven o'clock until four. I know you will be interested in the fact that we have sent out 22,000 copies of the program for the Interdenominational Day of Humiliation and Prayer; as these have all been sold, it means that the day will be generally observed.

It will be very acceptable to have Mrs. Storer present the work of the Freedmen's Board at the meeting on March 15th, and I have written Mrs. Boggs and return her letter to you.

Hoping that you may be able to be with us very soon, and assuring you that we have missed you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, February 26, 1904.

Mrs. Edwin Dukes,

Estherville, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Dukes:-

Your letter addressed to Miss Stebbins of Chicago has finally come into my hands, and I am glad to give you the information that you want.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions assumes each year the support of certain missionaries, teachers and Bible readers, and the funds obtained from the auxiliary societies are used for these special objects. At the beginning of the year the work is apportioned among the various Synods, and the Synod of Iowa has assumed the salaries mentioned in your letter, so that any contribution for any of these specific objects is a contribution to the work of the Woman's Board and helps in the cause of Christian education. We have found that the women greatly appreciate having some distinct object for which they can work, as it localizes their money, but you must, of course, understand that when work is assigned in this way it is absolutely essential that each society contribute its full share, otherwise there will be a falling off and not enough money to meet the financial obligations entailed by that special work.

The silver anniversary offering is a part of the plan of the work of the Woman's Board, in commemoration of the fact that we will celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary in May. It is proposed

(Mrs. Dukes, #2.)

to raise $50,000 in this way, which will be used to erect, equip and endow a boys' school at Santa Fe, New Mexico, which shall be known as the "Mary E. James" school for Mexican boys. Here again the amount to be raised has been apportioned among the synodical societies, and in order that we may have the entire amount, it will be necessary that each society contribute its full quota.

Again, let me emphasize the fact that money contributed for these special objects is money contributed for the Woman's Board, because the Woman's Board has obligated itself to pay all these salaries and looks to the auxiliaries to furnish the money.

Any further information you may desire I shall be very glad to furnish.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, March 2, 1904.

Dr. Grace W. Atkins,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Atkins:-

While we are glad that the obstacles are out of the way so that the hospital has been formally opened, we, too, are a little disappointed that Mrs. James could not be present to represent the Woman's Board, which is so deeply interested in the hospital. The date of its dedication was so uncertain, and the first we knew that the dedication was to take place was after the time appointed, and when we learned that it had been postponed we proceeded as quickly as possible, but it seemed we were too late. However, we must be content and hope that some other time Mrs. James may have the privilege of being present and herself seeing the splendid work you are doing.

We are glad of the additional information in regard to the road cut through our property, and it puts a very different light on the situation. The matter is one, however, for the Home Board to settle, and if they decide that they want the manse located on this lot, which is now separated from the hospital by the road, it becomes necessary for them to make formal application to the Woman's Board for a portion of this lot.

(Dr. Atkins, #2)

Dr. Thompson is expected back from Cuba in a few days and doubtless the matter will be settled when he returns.

We have had an extremely cold winter here, and though these are the first days of March they do not differ in the slightest degree from the cold February days.

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday your invitation to the dedicatory service was presented, and all were delighted that the work had progressed thus far. We shall be glad at any time and all times for any information that we can pass along to the Woman's Board, and hope you will see a full account of the dedicatory service and the reception is sent here for publication in the Home Mission Monthly.

Wishing you success in your work and praying God's blessing upon you and all the hospital force, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Brole.

Dictated. New York, March 5, 1904.

Miss Lydia A. Hays,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Miss Hays:-

I was glad to receive your letter telling us of the needs at Sitka. We are always interested in these personal things. I immediately brought the matter of new uniforms to the attention of Mrs. Baker, who has charge of providing clothing for our schools, and we will attend to it as soon as we can. However, it is not an easy matter to get uniforms on short notice, neither does it seem to pay to send clothing all the way to Alaska unless it is new, for the expenses are so great.

We were interested in your account of the arrangements that have been made to make it possible for Miss Sheets to have a vacation. Long before she goes, however, we hope that the new primary teacher will have reached you, as she planned to sail the first of this month. We all feel, however, that she ought to do the work that she volunteered to; that is, teach the primary department, and not be assigned to anything else. She showed a beautiful spirit in going to Sitka, and even deferred a visit home, that you might not be kept longer without a teacher, and she ought to be allowed to do the work for which she has offered herself.

We have been greatly interested in the reports that have come to us from the observance of the Day of Humiliation and Prayer, and believe that the united prayer will bring a blessing to the whole church and our nation.

(Miss Hays, #2.)

You will be sorry to learn that Fannie Willard has not improved as much as we had all hoped she would, and is planning now to start for Alaska about the first of April. The doctors do not think a longer stay will benefit her, and she wants to die, if die she must, among her own people. Mrs. Pingry has been with her all the winter and will see that some one is provided to go with her to the Coast at least.

I hope you will enjoy your work in the sewing department, and that as you come to the close of the active work of the year all the teachers may be blessed with health and strength, and that a blessing may come to all the pupils. Alaska is so far away that sometimes we feel we do not get quite the personal touch with it as we do with some of our other schools.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, March 9, 1904.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D.,
Secretary of the Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

At a meeting, held March 8, 1904, the Woman's Board considered the application of the Board of Home Missions for the grant of a lot in San Juan, Porto Rico, upon which to build a manse for the missionary of the Santurce Church. The parcel of land referred to being one-half of that part of the hospital property which is separated from the main body of the land by a street recently cut through the property. Upon the recommendation of Mrs. James, the Woman's Board voted to cordially comply with the request of your Board and grant the lot described.

Sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary.

per V.M.W.

Dictated. New York, March 14, 1904.

Mrs. J. L. Russell,

Colwyn, Delaware Co., Pa.

Dear Mrs. Russell:-

I am back in the office this morning for the first time since last Tuesday, when I was obliged to go to Washington, and find no letter in regard to the meeting at Darby, which was scheduled for last Wednesday evening, and a letter from Miss Newcomb said she had not heard from you. I am greatly disturbed about it lest you failed to receive my letter telling you that I could not be with you. As I explained in my former letter, Mrs. James was ill and I was obliged to go to Washington and taker her dates and for business with the Smoot's investigation. I told you I would be glad to come to you later, and shall still be glad to give you March 23rd, if you can use that date. It is always a great grief to me to be obliged to disappoint an audience, and only the urgency of the business in Washington would have made me do it this time. I trust you received the word in time and that no harm came to the Home Mission work because of the disappointment. Will you not let me hear from you?

Miss Newcomb received no word from you and held herself in readiness to come to you until the very last minute, but not receiving any word presumed you did not want her.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 14, 1904.

Mrs. Caroline H. Purdy,

14 East 73rd St., City.

Dear Mrs. Purdy:-

Am pretty sure that Reed Smoot is a born Mormon, but whether his father was a polygamist or not I do not know. I was in Washington last week and attended two sessions of the Senatorial Investigation Committee, and saw Reed Smoot. He is a better representative of manhood than most of the Mormons, and I presume when called upon the stand himself, people will know all about him.

The testimony I heard was given by Mr. E. B. Critchelow, former District Attorney in Salt Lake City, and it was very strong for our side of the case. If the verdict at Washington is in accordance with the testimony being given before the Committee, which testimony is now only in the beginning, and many other witnesses are to be called, Mr. Smoot will be expelled from the Senate. What the result will be no one can foretell now, but we can only hope and pray.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, March 16, 1904.

Mr. John R. Mott,

5 West 29th St., City.

Dear Sir:-

I am informed that in a public address in Montclair, N. J., recently you stated that the value of boxes sent by the Women's Home Missionary Societies of our Board was deducted from the salaries of the missionaries. You must be laboring under a misapprehension, because these facts do not bear out the statement. Our ladies take great pleasure in purchasing and preparing supplies for the boxes that are sent to the ministers in needy fields, and great care is exercised that the most needy shall receive the greatest help. Something these boxes vary in value from one to three hundred dollars, but in no case is the value of the box deducted from the salary. We all appreciate the many sacrifices of our workers on the Home Mission fields, and all wish that the salaries might be greatly increased, but with the funds in hand the policy has been to enter as many "open doors" as possible, and the Presbyteries and the Home Board used the very best judgment they have in arranging such things.

Feeling that you will be glad to be corrected in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ellen A. Poole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, March 16, 1904.

Mrs. J. Maxwell,

83 Park St., Montclair, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Maxwell:-

Your letter to Mrs. Pingry has come into my hands, as she retired from the office over four months ago.

I can not understand how Mr. Mott should have made such a statement as the one you indicate, because it is without foundation. In fact, the missionary boxes that are sent to our missionaries are, some of them, valued at from two to three hundred dollars, though, of course, some are of less value, and are in the nature of a gift to the missionaries and bears no relation whatever to their salaries.

It is true that the salaries in the Home Mission fields are small, but could you be at the centre of things and hear the many appeals that come for help, you would thoroughly understand that it becomes a question, with the funds in hand, whether salaries shall be made large and send the missionaries only to a few places, or to send out a greater number of missionaries with smaller salaries. We believe that the women of the church enjoy the box work and take great delight in fitting out the missionary's family with clothing and necessaries for the home, but this is all in addition to the salary as scheduled by the Presbyteries and the Home Board.

I am glad you wrote to me about this. I am to be at Montclair this afternoon for a meeting in Trinity Church and shall take occasion there to refute the charge.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 16, 1904.

Dr. Grace W. Atkins,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Atkins:-

I write just a short note to say that it is probable that Mr. and Mrs. James will visit Porto Rico in the course of a couple of weeks. If they can set the date in time for me to notify you of the sailing of the steamer, I shall do so. We are delighted that Mrs. James can visit the field at this time, and while she has not been well we are sure the trip to the sunny island will be beneficial to her and know that you will all give her a hearty welcome.

We are anxious for the report of the formal opening of the hospital and of any details that you may have to send us in regard to the work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 19, 1904.

Mrs. J. W. Allen,

4033 McPherson Ave.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

Your letter came several days ago and I attended to the matter of forwarding literature as requested. I hope it is what you want, and that you will be able to present the needs of the girls from our various fields.

I, too, am sorry that I can not attend the St. Louis' presbyterial meeting this spring, but hope that some time in the future I may be able to do so. I am afraid you are to be disappointed about Mr. Jones of Alaska, as the last word we had from him is that he is unable to leave. I hope, however, that you may be able to secure some one else to represent the Home field, and that your meeting may be not only spiritual but helpful in creating enthusiasm in the work.

I was in Washington the greater part of last week and spent one day in the Committee room listening to the testimony in the Smoot investigation. If the decision is rendered in accordance with the evidence, there is no doubt that Mr. Smoot will be expelled from the Senate, but no one can forecast the result as yet. Of one thing we are very certain, a tremendous amount of anti-Mormon literature is being circulated free of charge these days, and the people of the country are being informed of Mormonism as they never have been before.

(Mrs. Allen, #2.)

You will be interested in the fact that there are five young women from Van Wert in New York at the present time studying music, and we are planning to invite them over to our house for a couple of days, so we shall have a Van Wert party.

It doesn't seem possible that it is thirty-nine years since you and Dr. Allen were married, for I either imagine I remember it, or really do remember it, but then I knew your brother Charlie so well, because he was the one who took me to Wooster and introduced me when I entered college. The years make many changes, but the greatest pleasure one can have in life is in the effort to do God's work and to do what He calls us to do.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 21, 1904.

Mrs. Thomas A. Anderson,

Sistersville, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:-

Your letter to Miss White has been handed to me for reply. It is a long distance to send a speaker from New York to West Virginia, but we realize the importance of our work being properly presented and it seems to us that it would be best for Miss White to come herself, so that unless something unforeseen occurs, you can rely upon her filling the appointment. Miss White has recently returned from the Indian field, and beside is conversant with every phase of our work. You will find her a good speaker.

There is another matter I want to talk with you about. We understand that West Virginia is to be formed into a Synod by itself, in which case we will want the Woman's Home Missionary Societies organized into a Synodical Society. Upon inquiry I find that it will be necessary for three presbyteries to be set off and that this will be done before long, in which case the Home Missionary Societies within these territories must be organized into presbyterial societies, and at the meeting of Synod our work must be presented. We will be very glad if you can keep us informed as to the condition of affairs, and just when this meeting will be held.

In conferring with Dr. Dixon, the other day, he seemed to think that it would be well for us to plan for a mass meeting for

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Home Missions the night before the opening of Synod, at which the work of the Home Board and the Woman's Board could be presented.

I shall endeavor to be present myself at this meeting, if not obliged to be in some other part of the country, in which event some other member of the office force will plan to be there. Perhaps it would be well for you to speak of the necessity for organizing the synodical society at the coming meeting of your presbytery, that the women may understand the importance of being present.

With best wishes for the success of your work along all lines, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, March 22, 1904.

Mrs. W. S. Fulton,

6735 McPherson St., E. E.,

Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Fulton:-

I am sure I shall have no difficulty in picking out Mr. Fulton when I arrive at the East Liberty station on Thursday morning, at 7.50. I just send you this line that you may know I am planning to be on hand.

Anticipating the pleasure of meeting you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 22, 1904.

Mrs. D. E. Waid,

165 Pulaski St.,

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mrs. Waid:-

At the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee this morning, in considering the subject of the first Tuesday meetings, it was voted that hereafter the chairmen of the sub-committees be requested to select such items of news from their reports as might prove especially interesting, and that they condense the matter in hand not to occupy more than five minutes. While we realize how difficult it will be to condense all the news into so short a time, we are convinced that such condensation will add to the interest of the matter and will be of great assistance to those present in carrying away the information received.

Hoping that this will meet with your approval, although we realize that it will require a little extra time on your part to condense the news, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 1, 1904.

Mrs. W. S. Ladd,

293 Sixth St., Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Ladd:-

In a letter received from one of the officers of your Board, some time ago, we were asked if some speaker might not be available for your meeting, which we learn from the Home Mission Monthly is to be held April 20th and 21st.

Mrs. Pingry is expecting to go to Sitka, Alaska, with Miss Fannie Willard, who has been spending the winter in the Adirondacks in search of health. She has not improved and it has been decided that it was best for her to return at once, and we have asked Mrs. Pingry if it is possible for her to do so, to arrange to attend your meeting - not as a representative of the Board, for she is no longer in the office, but as a worker in the Home Mission cause and one who is thoroughly conversant with every phase of our work.

By this time your program is probably arranged, yet I am sure it would help if Mrs. Pingry could be with you and speak from the standpoint of the centre of things. We have written her, giving her the date of your meeting, and asked her to look in upon you, and you will hear from her very soon as to whether it will be possible for her to leave Miss Willard long enough to attend

(Mrs. Ladd, #2.)

your meeting. In the event she can not stop on her way to Alaska, would you like to arrange some meetings for her on her return, which would probably not be before the last of May?

Hoping that your meeting in Portland may be an enjoyable one, and that the report may show advance along every line, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, April 1, 1904.

Mrs. J. F. Pingry,

Berkeley House,

Saranac Lake, New York.

Dear Mrs. Pingry:-

Your note, enclosing the letter from Dr. Sheldon Jackson, at hand, and would say that I will present it at the meeting of the Woman's Board next week, and we will confer with Dr. Jackson in regard to details. Of course, it will mean expenditure of considerable money, and it will remain with the Board to decide whether they would be justified in doing so.

I hope you are well, and that Miss Willard may have the strength for the long journey before her.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, April 2, 1904.

Mrs. J. A. Ewalt,

Winchester, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Ewalt:-

Your letter to Mrs. James has been placed upon my desk, as she sailed to-day for Porto Rico. She will be absent about a month, but possibly may have returned by the time you plan to be in New York. We shall be very glad to meet you at the Tuesday meeting, April 26th, and hope nothing may happen to prevent your being with us.

Mrs. James had the grippe this winter and is very tired with the burden of all the work that is upon her, and we are hoping that her trip to Porto Rico may give her the needed rest and that the bright, sunny days, we hear about on that beautiful Island, will fully restore her to her wonted strength.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen H. Poole.

Dictated. New York, April 2, 1904.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

I write to ask you to attend the meeting of General Assembly, in Buffalo, N. Y., May 20th, and to present the work on the mountain field. As this is the twenty-fifth anniversary, we are especially desirous of having those who have been long identified with the work present, and Mrs. James asks that in speaking of the work you refer especially to the Then and Now of the Work in the Mountain Field, contrasting conditions to-day with what they were when you began your work, and also emphasize the great need to-day. While you may not have more than ten or fifteen minutes for the presentation of your theme, yet there may be several opportunities for short talks. Kindly let me know whether you will be able to accept this invitation.

We are very busy now with plans for the Annual meeting, and I am anticipating with great pleasure the fact that I shall there have the opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with so many of our workers from the field.

Mrs. James sails for Porto Rico to-day and will be gone a month. We are hoping that the change and rest will do her good.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 2, 1904.

Miss Frances L. Goodrich,

Allanstand, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Goodrich:-

There is to be a Young Women's Student Conference at Silver Bay, Lake George, New York, June 24th to July 5th, 1904. Up to this time this has been almost entirely an effort to enlist student volunteers for Foreign work, but this year we have been asked to invite you to represent the Home Mission cause. It seems very important that the Home Mission work should be rightly presented before this large body of women students, which practically covers all the colleges in the East. You will note the dates, and I write to ask whether you will be able to accept the invitation. Will you be North by that time? We would like it if you would be able to stay during the ten days, and as Lake George is one of the most beautiful spots in the country, if you can spare the time, I do not believe you will count it a misfortune. I understand that your summer home is in New Hampshire, so that the journey would not be very great. We will be pleased if you can make it convenient to attend this meeting.

The invitation for you to make this address has been presented through Miss Eleanor C. Brownell (322 West 56th St., New York City), who represents the committee on the program. She has steadily labored for several years to get an opening for the Home

(Miss Goodrich, #3.)

work, and this is the first time any one has been invited to addre
the whole student body. Let us hear from you at your earliest con
venience, and if you can accept, it would be well for you also to
write Miss Brownell.

Very cordially yours,

Ella Boole

Annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions will this year celebrate its Twenty-fifth Anniversary, and will, as usual, hold its Annual meeting in connectionw with the meetings of General Assembly at Buffalo, New York.

The meetings, with the exception of the popular meeting on Sunday afternoon in the Assembly's Church, will all be held in the First Congregational Church, corner Elmwood and Bryant Sts. The all day meeting on Friday, May 20th, at which the reports of the officers are given, and addresses made by missionaries from the various fields; the informal conference on Monday afternoon; the synodical conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will all be full of interest. To all of these the public is invited.

A new feature will be introduced this year, in that the stereopticon lectures, which will consist of Glimpses of the Home Mission Fields, will be given for twenty minutes before and after each session of the woman's meetings.

An informal reception to missionaries will take place on Saturday morning.

All inquiries as to entertainment or board, etc. should be addressed to Mrs. H. Osgood Holland, 335 Hudson St., Buffalo, New York.

Railroad rates for all delegates and visitors will be the same as are accorded to Commissioners to General Assembly, and will be published in the religious papers by Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., the Stated Clerk of General Assembly.

Dictated. New York, April 7, 1904.

Editor of The New York Observer,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Sir:-

Enclosed is the announcement of the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of our church, which will be held at Buffalo, New York, in connection with the meetings of General Assembly.

This promises to be an exceedingly profitable meeting, and we will be greatly obliged if you will publish the notice, as these meetings will be of great interest to our constituency, many of whom are among your readers. I write also to ask if you can grant us space for a report of the meeting, and we will endeavor to send it to you in shape for publication. Could you spare space for one thousand words?

Thanking you for your former courtesies in this respect, and hoping that you will be able to insert the report, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Ella A Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, April 7, 1904.

Mrs. R. G. McNiece,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mrs. McNiece:-

The Twenty-fifth Annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be held on Friday, May 20th, at Buffalo, New York, in the First Congregational Church, corner Elmwood and Bryant Sts., with the usual meetings following, viz.: the popular meeting on Sunday afternoon (in the Assembly's Church), the informal conference of synodical officers on Monday afternoon, and the usual synodical conference sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. We earnestly hope that you are to represent your synod at these meetings, or failing that, that the Synodical Secretary may come, since the conference of synodical officers is desirable. If such representation is not possible, however, and you find it practicable to send as your delegate some one who is planning to attend General Assembly, kindly instruct her as to the report, and also send me her name. We have written to the Synodical Secretary the time limit of the report and the few points to be covered, hence your representative will know what duties will devolve upon her that Tuesday afternoon.

The questions which we have sent to the Synodical Secretary for the five minute report are the following:-

(Mrs. McNiece, #2).

I. What special methods have been used to stimulate growth in membership and gifts, and with what success?

II. How may young women's societies and Bands be stimulated, and what methods have been used?

III. In what way can the Woman's Board render more effective aid to synodical, presbyterial and auxiliary societies?

An opportunity for discussion will be given.

We shall be glad to know what the representation from your synod will be by April 21st, if possible, in order that we may prepare the program and select committees. We hope for your presence - and your prayers in any case.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

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Dictated. New York, April 11, 1904.

Mrs. S. C. Farrar,

Clayton Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Farrar:-

I was away from home when your letter came and Miss Lincoln delayed replying until my return.

I had not forgotten about your thank offering but the pressure of other work caused us to defer it. We conferred about the matter and have decided that if it meets with your approval, we would be very glad to have you make the question of a new dormitory for the Academy at Springville Utah, as your thank offering object this year.

We have recently purchased a plot of ground adjoining our present building for the purpose of putting up this dormitory; it will cost to build and furnish it about $5,000, and while you would not, ordinarily, raise that amount with your thank offering, if you would like to raise as much as you can in that way and then make it your special object for next year, it would meet with the hearty approval of those of us here in the office.

It has become absolutely necessary for us to enlarge the facailities for our academies in Utah. They are crowded, and if we would take the young people away from Mormon influences, we must have them in the boarding school. We have a girls' dormitory at Springville, but none for the boys, and it is almost impossible

(Mrs. Farrar, #2.)

for the boys to secure board in the village, and even then they are thrown, more than we would like to have them, with Mormon customs and ways.

The plan for the coming year will probably be to retrench somewhat along the line of the day schools in Utah, but enlarge the academies, and if you take this special object you will be the first in the field, and I am sure that just now, when so much attention is forced on the Mormon question, and so many are being convinced, as never before, of the wickedness of the whole system, your women will be glad to have a part in making more effective this academy, because in this way the young men of that part of the State will have a better chance to come in touch with the true spirit of Christianity.

If you decide to take this special object as your thank offering, we will be glad to prepare a leaflet showing the needs for this dormitory, and the fact that it will give a greater opportunity for Christian work among these people.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to Alleghany and Pittsburgh and meeting with the workers in your presbyteries. I hope some time again I may have the pleasure of visiting you, and that some of you will be at Buffalo for our annual meeting. Remember me very cordially to all your officers.

Sincerely yours,

Catharine L.

Dictated. New York, April 13, 1904.

Mrs. B. B. Comegys, Jr.,

4054 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Comegys:-

Doubtless you remember that a conference was held here in our rooms, on March 17th, in regard to "Over Sea and Land," and how carefully the matter was discussed and the perplexities that were considered. After that conference was over, our committee considered the matter again very carefully, and presented their report at the meeting of the Woman's Board on April 5th, at which time the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Woman's Board of Home Missions, after correspondence and conference with the representatives of the Foreign Board of Philadelphia, March 17, 1904, decided to withdraw, for the present, the proposition to assume the publication of Over Sea and Land, with the assurance that the Woman's Board of Home Missions stands ready to re-open the question whenever the Foreign Boards shall deem it advisable."

This resolution was unanimously adopted, and I regret that absence from the office has prevented my sending it to you earlier. As you know, at this time of the year there are many presbyterial meetings, and Miss White and I were both away all last week, Miss Lincoln being here alone, and as her books closed on Saturday, you can readily see that it was the busiest in all the year for her.

(Mrs. Comegys. #3.)

Our offer was made in good faith, but after discussion we withdraw it now in just as good faith and will be pleased to continue our efforts in regard to "Over Sea and Land."

A few moments ago I saw a copy of the circular letter submitted to the Seven Foreign Boards and sent to Mrs. Hinks. As the proposition submitted in that was entirely different from our original proposition, our resolution adopted on April 5, 1904, must be our reply.

Regretting the delay in notifying you of this action, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, April 13, 1904.

Mrs. Ruth A. Frost,

Barker, New York.

Dear Mrs. Frost:-

It seems very nice to get a letter from you again after all these years, and I was really quite disappointed that it could not be arranged for me to attend your presbyterial meeting.

I am glad you are planning to be at Buffalo. The representation at the annual meeting is a representation by synodical societies. At the Centennial meeting, held in New York two years ago, a presbyterial delegate was welcomed from each presbytery, and their entertainment was provided by the Presbyterians of New York and Brooklyn. This, however, was an exception in the case of the Centennial meeting. However, we are very glad to welcome presbyterial delegates at the annual meeting, and they are invited to all the conferences and to take part in the discussions.

I asked if seats would be reserved for delegates, for you know this is my first year and I have resolved myself into an information point, and they tell me there will be no difficulty about seats, as the church is not usually crowded.

I was in Buffalo two weeks ago and visited the church, which is well located and very well adapted to our meetings, not being very far from the Assembly's Church. Shall look forward with pleasure to meeting you again.

(Mrs. Frost, #3.)

These last few days have been exceedingly busy ones, as I have been preparing my annual report, and it is no small task when I have only been in the office six months. However, it is finished and in the hands of the printer.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

New York, April 13, 1904.

Mrs. Eunice Dean Wood,

Fenton, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Wood:-

In reply to your card would say Miss Ina McBurney is commissioned by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and her salary is assumed by Flint Presbyterial Society, Michigan. Miss McBurney has been teaching at Smith, Harlan Co., Ky., but as that school is closed for vacation, she is now substituting at Harlan, Ky.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, April 13, 1904.

Mrs. H. O. Holland,

335 Hudson St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Holland:-

Your letter just at hand and it is well it came this mail, as I am just starting for Atlantic City.

It is certainly very kind of the Buffalo ladies to offer to arrange for the officers at the Lenox, but after conferring here in the office, we believe that so much good would accrue to the work of our organization by being able to have the synodical officers at the same place with us, that we have decided to go to "Castle Inn." The rates are certainly reasonable and probably all our ladies will feel they can go there. There is only this one opportunity during the year for us to be with the workers whose faithfulness upon the fields means so much to our cause, and we feel we must not lose any opportunity for meeting them. There are so many conference, informal ones, held almost every day that we would be absolutely deprived of them if we were in one place and the delegates were scattered in other parts of the city, therefore if you can arrange to have the required number of rooms reserved, we will decide on "Castle Inn."

And in regard to entertainment for synodical officers:- It seems to us that it would be a bad precedent to establish, because at the time of General Assembly there are a good many people who have visitors and there are a good many others who would like free

(Mrs. Holland, #2.)

entertainment, and we wish especially to avoid letting any one feel that the woman's meetings, held at the time of General Assembly, are, in any sense, a burden.

We greatly appreciate the offer of Buffalo Presbyterial to pay the additional amount on the board at the Lenox, and it is only the fact that we feel that the work would be more advanced that causes us to decide upon the other place.

I am glad to be able to reply to you so promptly.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, April 13, 1904.

Miss Lucy H. Sherman,

1920 Fifth Ave., Troy, N. Y.

Dear Miss Sherman:-

Your letter enclosing check for five dollars, to be added to our speakers' fund, at hand, and I handed it to Miss Lincoln.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to the Troy Presbyterial, and assure you that it was a delight to raise the money for the organ, as it came so easily. Of course, I would have been glad had the $50.00 found a place in the anniversary fund, but we must recognize the fact that the Freedmen's work also needs the money, and it means that you must decide in which place you will put it. Our woman's work is administered entirely by our Woman's Board, and we must exercise the greatest vigilance to keep our funds intact, otherwise the school work suffers.

The Board of Home Missions has closed its books without debt, and for this we are very glad, yet the receipts of the Woman's Board will not justify our carrying the full amount of evangelistic work that we have carried in the past. We feared a debt and it is only by withdrawing from that part of the work that we are able to report no debt. If this money goes to the Freedmen's Board, you will just have to keep a good look out and let the next contribution come to our Woman's Board.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you again, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, April 18, 1904.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

I beg your pardon for not having replied to your letter earlier but have been in the midst of the preparation of my annual report for General Assembly, and as it is my first one, and as I have been obliged to be away attending presbyterial meetings part of the time, you can readily see that the mail has had to wait.

I hope you will be able to remain at Buffalo throughout the time of our woman's meetings, which will extend from May 20th through and including May 26th. Mrs. James particularly wants you to come, as you have been in the work the longest of any of the workers, and on this twenty-fifth anniversary we want especially to contrast the beginnings of the work with the work as it is to-day.

I am sorry you must return at once to your field, for we had hoped the coming to General Assembly might mean a little rest as well as work. I do not see how you can make the trip from Asheville to Buffalo and return in much less than two weeks' time.

Of course, you know that Miss Casler was invited but when she found she must return at once and that there was a possibility that Dr. Lawrence would not get back before she left, she felt that it would not be possible for her to be away.

Hoping that you can be with us and that you can spend the entire time of the meetings at Buffalo, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, April 18, 1904.

Miss Florence Goodrich,

Allanstand, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Goodrich:-

Your letter, saying that you can represent the Home Missionary work at the Young Woman's Students Conference at Lake George, at hand. We are very glad indeed that you can do so, and hope that it will be possible for you to remain there nearly all, if not all the greater part of the time the conference is in session. The workers tell us that even more than the public address is the personal conference with the students, and up to this time all the energies of this movement have been given to the Foreign work; this is the first time, really, that there has been any recognition of the Home work as a missionary endeavor.

I understand that you have but one address but that there will be many opportunities for conference and conversation with the young women.

Hoping that you will be able to spend the time there and that it may not prove a burden to you in all those beautiful surroundings, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, April 18, 1904.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,

San Francisco, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

Your letter came some little time ago but it has been impossible to reply earlier, as we are in the midst of the closing of the year's books and the preparation for the Annual reports.

We had a preliminary conference yesterday in regard to the work for the coming year, and are much perplexed to know just the situation at North Fork. Has Dr. Noble purchased property there? Is that property ready to be transferred to the Woman's Board? Will the California women be able to secure sufficient funds to carry on that work? As the Woman's Board closed the year with a shortage of $33,000, you can readily understand that we can not undertake any new work without being very sure where we are and that it will not mean additional and unlooked for expense. Our women have the greatest confidence in you and your judgment, but the final decision in such matters must be with the Board, and in Dr. Noble's presentation of the case it looks as if $2,000 were called for to fit the building for the purposes of the school.

The Assembly's Board has kindly assumed the $33,000 of our shortagethis year, which was due to evangelistic work, but we feel that the policy for the coming year must be a policy of retrenchment rather than one of enlargement. Of course, if we withdraw from Hupa that would be a saving of one salary, but for a board-

(Mrs. Goddard, #2.)

ing school one worker would not be sufficient. Kindly let us know all the facts. We know how urgent the call is for the work and I can assure you that we will do our very best.

Am glad to hear such good reports of the work and that there has been advancement along so many lines. Our women have contributed more money this year than ever before, but there is no doubt but the anniversary offering has taken a little from the pledged work and that accounts for the deficit.

Mrs. James has gone to Porto Rico and will not return until about the first of May. We are trusting that the trip may be very beneficial to her, and we are sure that it will help the work in Porto Rico greatly.

We are always glad of suggestions from synodical officers and will try to profit by them but, of course, you understand that in a large work like this the plans must be systematized. The receipts from the anniversary offering are about $40,000, and we feel confident that the full $50,000 will be raised by fall. Please let us have all the information you can in regard to this work at North Fork, because we do not want to make any mistakes and having opened a school be obliged to close it right away.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen H. Poole

Dictated. New York, April 18, 1904.

Mrs. B. B. Comegys, Jr.,

4054 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Comegys:-

Your letter of April 14th came Saturday, too late for me to reply. I do not think you quite understand the situation. Before the proposition submitted by the New York Foreign Board had been received, but after the conference held in this office, our Woman's Board passed the resolution sent you in my last letter, withdrawing our proposition to assume the care of "Over Sea and Land." There was a little delay in sending it to you because I was attending presbyterial meetings. The very day I wrote you Mrs. Finks showed me the letter containing the proposition from the New York Board, but we did not bring it before our Board because we had withdrawn our offer to publish Over Sea and Land, which seemed to be a reply, and could not entertain any other proposition, except it came from the Seven Foreign Boards. Should they, at Buffalo, want to make us the proposition contained in the one from the New York Board, we would be perfectly willing to consider it. In the meantime, we will continue to do all we can for Over Sea and Land, and there will be no change in our decision in regard to the contribution to help make up the deficit. I think the misunderstanding arose from the fact that I wrote you giving the decision of the Woman's Board, which had taken place before the communication from the New York Board was received. If I have not made myself clear, do not

(Mrs. Comegys, #2.)

hesitate to say so, and I will make another attempt. The situation now is just the same as it was before the overture from the Woman's Board was made.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, April 18, 1904.

Miss C. A. Walsh,

225 Upland Way, Wayne, Pa.

Dear Miss Walsh:-

I am very glad to receive your letter and to know that you will prepare the Christmas gifts for the school at Nuyaka, Ind. Ter., this year. Mrs. Baker, who has charge of that work, will send you the list of gifts and number of pupils.

Do not send your list of officers until after your election, because when changes are made it makes confusion, and we like to have the names and addresses as correct as possible.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, April 18, 1904.

Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Pomeroy:-

How kind of you to write such a friendly letter for your first one to the new Secretary. I appreciate it and am sure that the fact that you are willing to tell me your personal sorrows will make me feel that you do not regard me as a stranger.

I am glad you are to be at the Annual meeting at Buffalo, and am looking forward to it because it will give me an opportunity to meet personally the workers all over the country.

Mrs. James sailed for Porto Rico the first week in April and will be absent until the first of May. We are hoping that the freedom from the details of the work and the beautiful weather in that sunny island will give her the needed rest and strength.

While the Woman's Board finds itself with a deficit of $33,000 at the close of the fiscal year, as it is due almost entirely to the evangelistic work, the Assembly's Board have assumed it and we will come up to the Annual meeting without a debt. The receipts for the anniversary fund are nearly $40,000, and we are quite confident that before the close of the summer months the full $50,000 will have been raised.

Thanking you for your cordial letter and assuring you that it shall be aim aim to be true to the trust imposed upon me by the women of the church, I am, Cordially yours,

Elizabeth Wolcott

Dictated. New York, April 18, 1904.

Miss Henrietta W. Hubbard,

Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Miss Hubbard:-

Your communication to Mrs. Finks, containing the recommendation from the New York Board in reference to the conduct of "Over Sea and Land," has been handed to me. Before your communication was received, by vote taken here, we had withdrawn our proposition in regard to assuming the control of "Over Sea and Land," and as we understood that the propsoition you submitted was from the New York Board alone and not from the Seven Foreign Boards, it seemed to us that we could not consider it until it had been adopted by the Foreign Boards. If, however, after your conference at Buffalo you should decide to submit that proposition to us, it can then be brought up formally for consideration, as, in accordance with our resolution, we hold ourselves in readiness to consider any proposition that now may be made to us by the Foreign Boards. We shall, of course, continue to do our part in supporting "Over Sea and Land" and aid in every way we can to increase its circulation.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 20, 1904.

Dr. Grace W. Atkins,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Atkins:-

I presume you have been enjoying Mrs. James for some time and now we are looking forward to her return, knowing that she can put us so closely in touch with the work you are doing. There is great interest in the work of the hospital and I am sure it would please you to know how eager the women are for news in regard to the work.

By this time you have received the leaflet containing the account of the dedication, excerpts from which were printed in the New York Observer. It looks very nice in the Observer, and we know it will increase interest in the work.

The matter of naming the building was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board yesterday, and it was decided to follow your suggestion and name the charity building Endeavor Hall. We will make much of this, and I hope it may be the means of securing contributions for the support of the charity work.

We are glad to hear from you at any time and any details that you will give us will be thankfully received. Medical missionary work is one of the concrete things that greatly interest those who perhaps would not be interested in every phase of mission work.

With kind regards to all of you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen Parke

Dictated. New York, April 20, 1904.

Rev. William H. Kelly,

Fair Haven, New York.

Dear Mr. Kelly:-

I haven't forgotten your letter about work upon the mountain field and am wondering if you would be willing to respond to a call of the French Broad Presbytery. We have the salary of one minister secured and part of another. Mr. Smith of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who guarantees one salary, is ready to send his money at any time, provided we find the right man, but he expressly stipulates that he wants a man who has strong temperance views, and who doesn't use tobacco, as his representative. We have been in correspondence with Rev. Mr. Taylor, who "filled the bill," but he has decided that his wife's health is not sufficient for him to undertake the work. It is not an easy place, but a place where the Lord's work is greatly needed, and in a most beautiful country. If you would consider it, will you not write Rev. C. O. Gray, Marshall, North Carolina, and he can explain the situation to you? Whoever occupies this field will be brought very closely in touch with our school work, and yet the school work is managed entirely by the Woman's Board.

Of course, I have nothing to do in the placing of the minister, and yet I am greatly interested in having some one sent there who will do the Lord's work, and know that Mr. and Mrs. Smith,

(Mr. Kelly, #2.)

who are devoted, Christian people, will continue to support it if the right man is there. I pass the information along to you and, of course, it remains with you to decide whether you would be willing to go there or not.

With kind regards to Mrs. Kelly, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellat Boole

Dictated. New York, April 20, 1904.

Rev. C. O. Gray,

Marshall, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Gray:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Taylor saying that he has finally decided not to go into the mountain field but will remain at Tallapoosa. Of course, I am disappointed and I know the Smiths will be, but understand why Mr. Taylor felt he could not go there.

A few days ago I received a letter from Rev. Mr. Kelly of Fair Haven., N. Y., who has been on the mountain field as a missionary teacher. He is an ordained minister but expects to leave his field at Fair Haven in a few months. He wants to enter the mountain work, and I have written him to put himself in correspondence with you, hoping that he might be the man for the place.

Mr. Baer tells us that you are having difficulty in securing the right sort of a man. I do not know much about Mr. Kelly's preaching. I know he is an earnest, Christian man. His wife is greatly interested in the work of the church, and they have a small family. I only pass this word along, that you may understand the situation somewhat, if you hear from Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Baer has returned from his Southern trip and is greatly delighted with the work all through the mountains. He is full of enthusiasm, and I am sure his interest will do him good and will help the cause.

(Rev. Mr. Gray, #2.)

I think we are on the track of the third salary. It remains for you people to get your preachers ready, for I am pretty sure we will have the money for the third man asked for.

Am planning now to visit the mountain field this fall, and while the original plan was for me to go in October, it may be possible that I can reach you in September. I am looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure, and shall be glad to meet personally the workers on the field.

We are just closing up the year and it means a good deal of extra work here in the office, but am already beginning to feel quite at home in the work, and when I shall have visited some of the fields, and those who represent us do not look upon me as a stranger, shall feel quite at home.

Last week I went to Nassau Presbyterial and they remember you and Mrs. Gray so cordially and with such affection that it must be pleasant for you to know it and that they follow you with their prayers and best wishes. While I have not had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Gray, I do not feel that she is a stranger, because I have know and loved Miss Rollins for so long.

Very cordially yours,

Elliot Boole

Dictated. New York, April 22, 1904.

Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis,

522 Sixth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Ellis:-

Thank you for your letter of April 20th. I will pass along the information and bring the matter to the attention of our women.

Certainly, we can not say the results of the Smoot trial so far have been disappointing to us, and I only hope the whole matter will be probed to the bottom, but I suppose the final decision will be deferred to the fall, until after the Presidential election. However, if the country can only become convinced of the deceitfulness of the whole Mormon propaganda a great deal will be accomplished and it will be something to be thankful for.

I saw your daughter in the car the other day. I had never seen her before but she was talking with some friends, and as she mentioned names I became convinced that she was your daughter, and when she said her mother and father were spending the winter in Washington, as her mother was superintendent of legislative work in Washington, I knew I was right. She was just getting off the trolley car or I should have spoken to her.

You have had a long, hard session this winter, but I trust you have had strength for it.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, April 25, 1904.

Miss Kate E. Putnam,

765 Washington St.,

Buffalo, New York.

Dear Miss Putnam:-

Your letters both at hand this morning. It seems to us that the best time for the reception will be on Tuesday afternoon, May 27th, from 4.30 to 6.30, and I presume it could be a little more prompt, if you could not get the Twentieth Century rooms, if it were as near as possible to the woman's church. We will be very glad to meet the members of your presbyterial society in a social way, and we believe that such things help.

The only delegates to the Annual meeting are from the synodical societies, though visitors from presbyterial and auxiliary societies, as well as from C. E's., are welcome, and I am sure they would be greatly benefitted by attending the sessions. Two years ago entertainment was provided for one delegate from each presbyterial society, but that was an exception on account of it being the Centennial Anniversary of the Board of Home Missions. We trust that both C. E's. and auxiliary societies will make a point of being present, especially at the all day meeting on Friday, because in that way they can get a better idea of the work than in any other.

We have talked about the Conquest idea for the program, but unless you Buffalo ladies particularly wish it, we would prefer to have something else, so as you do not insist upon it, we may as

(Miss Putnam, #2.)

well decide not to use it.

About the ushers:- It seems to us that it would be better for the young men who usher regularly at the Assembly's Church to usher at the popular meeting on Sunday afternoon.

I will write Mrs. Holland again in a few days about some additional rooms that need to be engaged.

Plans are progressing nicely at this end of the line, and we are now busily engaged upon the program.

Mrs. James is expected back from Porto Rico by the last of the week, and I presume she will be full of enthusiasm on the Porto Rican work.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen F. Boole,

April 25th,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Can you tell us when the Revenue Cutter leaves for Point Barrow, Alaska, by which we could send something to the workers there? An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Ellen F. Boole

Dictated. New-York, April 27, 1904.

Miss Edith Hughes,

Brigham, Utah.

Dear Miss Hughes:-

Presuming that you are just about returned home from your trip visiting societies, I write to ask you to attend the General Assembly and represent the Mormon field. It is possible that we can not give you more than ten minutes, though we would be glad to give longer time if possible.

Mrs. James says that it is possible your being away from the field you have not been able to keep in touch with the latest things in regard to Mormonism. If so, she will be glad to send you the latest things that have been published.

Of course, if you come to General Assembly, your expenses will be paid to Buffalo, and entertainment provided, and as we understand that you are to retire from the work, presume you can go home from there.

Mrs. James wants that there should be no manuscript used in any of the addresses, and that particular attention be paid to contrasting the early days of the work with the present condition of affairs, though in your case, perhaps, the present conditions would be more interesting, because of the prominence given to Mormonism through the Smoot investigation.

We are making out our program now, therefore will be greatly obliged if you will reply at once.

(Miss Hughes, #2.)

I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the General Assembly, as it will give me an opportunity to become personally acquainted with many of the workers on the field.

Anticipating the pleasure of meeting you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A Boole

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1904.

Mrs. O. A. Condit,

Salem, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Condit:-

We are very glad to know that you are planning to be with us at the Annual meeting at Buffalo, and as this marks the completion of twenty-five years of service of the Woman's Board, we are hoping that many of our women will count it a pleasure to meet with us in this service of praise and thanksgiving for God's wondrous guidance during all these years.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A Boole

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1904.

Miss Anna M. Miller,
1911 West Vernon St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Miller:-

We all greatly enjoyed your address a week ago Tuesday, at the meeting of the Woman's Board, and should you care to see yourself in print you will probably find it reported in "The Herald and Presbyter" in a week or two, as I had notes taken and have sent them on.

I write now to ask you to be present at the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board, to be held on Friday, May 20th, in the First Congregational Church, Buffalo, N. Y., to represent the work among the foreign-speaking people. We would like to have you present the need for work among this class of people; its importance, and how it can be done. Of course, in this connection you could present the work that you are doing in Philadelphia.

We will pay your traveling expenses to Buffalo, and free entertainment will be provided. Your talk can not be more than ten minutes. Mrs. James does not want any one to use manuscript. I am sure you understand the situation, and hope nothing will prevent your accepting the invitation. Please let me know at once whether you can go.

Very cordially yours,

Caleb Frank

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1904.

Mrs. M. E. Boyd,
Chase City, Va.

Dear Mrs. Boyd:-

We are looking forward with much interest to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and it would give the members of the Board a great deal of pleasure if you could attend that meeting. You were the first Treasurer of the organization, and in all these years there never have been but you and Miss Lincoln. I have been directed by the Board to send you a most cordial invitation to be present and share with us in our service of praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful things God has wrought through the Woman's Board during all these years.

Hoping that we shall have the pleasure of your presence at this anniversary time, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen Boole

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1904.

Mrs. W. B. Holmes,

Honesdale, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Holmes:-

We are planning for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which, as you know, will occur on May 20th, in the First Congregational Church, Buffalo, N. Y. As this marks the completion of twenty-five years of work under the Woman's Board, we are hoping that many of those who have long been associated with our work can be present, and on behalf of the Board I am requested to extend to you a special invitation.

Hoping that you can be present during the sessions and have a part with us in the service of praise and thanksgiving for the wondrous things God has wrought through the women of the church, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen Beals

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1904.

Mrs. W. K. Crosby,

Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Mrs. Crosby:-

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Elliot Boole

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Mrs. J. B. Kendall,

La Porte, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Kendall:-

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Ellen Boole

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Mrs. J. A. Ewalt,

Winchester, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Ewalt:-

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Mrs. W. T. Perkins,

San Francisco, Cali.

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Mrs. W. J. Milne,

Albany, New York.

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Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Brole

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1904.

Mrs. J. B. Turner,

Dover, Delaware.

Dear Mrs. Turner:-

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Mrs. C. R. Hume,

Anadarko, Okla. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Hume:-

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Very cordially yours,

Ellen A Booth

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Mrs. J. C. Boynton,

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Boynton:-

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Mrs. H. C. Doll,
2510 Welton St.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Doll:-

We are planning for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which, as you know, will occur on May 20th, in the First Congregational Church, Buffalo, N. Y. As this marks the completion of twenty-five years of work under the Woman's Board, we are hoping that many of those who have long been associated with our work can be present, and on behalf of the Board I am requested to extend to you a special invitation.

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Ellen A. Poole

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Mrs. H. R. Whitehill,

Anaconda, Montan.

Dear Mrs. Whitehill:-

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Very cordially yours,

Ella S. A.

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Mrs. E. S. Moore,

Three Rivers, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Moore:-

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Mrs. C. J. McClung,

Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. McClung:-

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Ellen Boole

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Mrs. G. W. Clabaugh,

3210 Poppleton Ave.,

Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Clabaugh:-

We are planning for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which, as you know, will occur on May 20th, in the First Congregational Church, Buffalo, N. Y. As this marks the completion of twenty-five years of work under the Woman's Board, we are hoping that many of those who have long been associated with our work can be present, and on behalf of the Board I am requested to extend to you a special invitation.

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Mrs. E. R. Perkins,

Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mrs. J. S. Oliver,
1156 South Flower St.,
Los Angeles, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Oliver:-

We are planning for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which, as you know, will occur on May 20th, in the First Congregational Church, Buffalo, N. Y. As this marks the completion of twenty-five years of work under the Woman's Board, we are hoping that many of those who have long been associated with our work can be present, and on behalf of the Board I am requested to extend to you a special invitation.

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Mrs. J. P. Schell,

Warren, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Schell:-

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Very cordially yours,

Elliot Bowle

Dictated. New York, April 28, 1904.

Mrs. Mary F. Allen,

Box A, Park City, Utah.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

We are planning for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which, as you know, will occur on May 20th, in the First Congregational Church, Buffalo, N. Y. As this marks the completion of twenty-five years of work under the Woman's Board, we are hoping that many of those who have long been associated with our work can be present, and on behalf of the Board I am requested to extend to you a special invitation.

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Very cordially yours,

Elliot Boole

Dictated. New York, April 28, 1904.

Mrs. V. P. Boggs,
Bessemer Building,
6th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Boggs:-

We are now working upon the details of the Annual meeting and I write to ask who will be the missionary to represent the work among the Freedmen, and also to ask if she will be a colored woman, as we ought to know this in looking about for entertainment. In order to save time, will you also write Mrs. H. Osgood Holland, 335 Hudson St., Buffalo, N. Y.?

The hotel where we will all be located is the Castle Inn, corner Genesee and Delaware Ave., Buffalo. The rates will be $1.75 for single rooms, and $2.75 when two occupy the same room. A single room has been engaged for you, but should you desire to make any change, please write Mrs. Holland.

Of course, in arranging a program such as we do for the Annual meeting, we have to be very careful about the time, and we have allowed fifteen minutes for the report of the Freedmen's Department, and each of the missionaries will be given ten minutes to represent their fields. One day is a very short time to present the work of such an organization as ours, and while we wish that one-half hour might be given for each report, the hours of the day are not long enough for it.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

(Mrs. Boggs, #2.)

Since dictating my letter to you, yours has been received. I had not thought of writing you about a missionary to represent your field, because I presumed it was the custom and one of the things that might be taken as a matter of course. I think your other questions are answered in my letter.

E.A.B.

Dictated. New York, April 28, 1904.

Rev. George F. Greene, D. D.,

Cranford, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Greene:-

Thank you very much for your invitation to present the work of the Woman's Board at your regular Friday evening service on June 10th. I shall be very glad to accept it and your invitation to take dinner with you and Mrs. Greene, and will let you know about the train later, but will probably leave the office about 4.30 P.M.

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, April 28, 1904.

Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson,

Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Robertson:-

We are very sorry to learn that you have not been well for a few weeks, but you need not burden your conscience with the thought that you were not doing your full duty. We heartily appreciate the work you have been doing all these years, and even if you are not able to do as much work as formerly, the Woman's Board realizes that your connection with it can not be measured by the amount of work you do.

Your request that God will give you strength to continue longer in the service was presented at our prayer meeting to-day, and I will present it again at the meeting next Tuesday.

I wish you might have the privilege of attending the Annual meeting at Buffalo, but it would be a long journey even if you were able to take it.

With very kind regards from all in the office and a prayer that God's richest blessing may abide with you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 28, 1904.

Mrs. H. Osgood Holland,

335 Hudson St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Holland:-

I write again in regard to entertainment. In addition to the seven rooms I engaged in writing you before, we will want a single room for Mrs. Finks' daughter; a double room for Miss Moore and Miss Rue, who will be of our office force, and another double room for Rev. and Mrs. Robinson of Minnesota.

For free entertainment of missionaries, there will be Miss Florence Stephenson, Asheville, N. C.; Miss Anna M. Miller, 1911 Mt. Vernon St., Philadelphia, Pa; Miss Jennie Ordway, of Porto Rico, who may be addressed at Sodus, New York; Miss Edith Hughes, Brigham, Utah, and Miss M. Bertha Leadingham, Santa Fe, New Mexico. We know of some other missionaries who will be present, and am wondering if you can provide free entertainment for them also. You know, it is a good thing to get them into the homes as far as possible, because it increases interest in our work. There will also be a missionary from the Freedmen's Board, but I will have to let you know later whether she will be a colored woman or not; will have Mrs. Boggs write directly to you.

I know the rest of the days before the meeting of General Assembly will be very busy ones, but trust you will have strength given you for your work.

Anticipating the pleasure of meeting you again, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

(Mrs. Holland, #2.)

Since dictating my letter to you I have two more requests for rooms to be reserved at Castle Inn - Mrs. V. O. Burtis, Westfield, New Jersey, and Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Brooklyn, N. Y. I think these ladies would be satisfied with a double room, provided there were two beds.

Now there is another thing:- There are some workers in the office who have been with us a long time and this year being our twenty-fifth anniversary, we would be very glad if they could have the opportunity to attend this Annual meeting, but hesitate in planning for them on account of the expense of board. These workers ar Miss Lloyd, who will have charge of the Board's literature; Miss Rue, who will have charge of our literature; Miss Eaton, who for nineteen years has been the Assistant Treasurer, and the only Assistant Treasurer we have ever had, and possibly Mrs. Baker, who has charge of the box work for our schools. Mrs. Baker is the oldest employee in the office, having been here for twenty years. Do you suppose that free entertainment could be provided for all these? They are all earnest Christian women whom any one would be glad to receive into their homes, and have given many, many years to the cause of Home Missions. If you can secure entertainment for Miss Rue, then a single room will be sufficient at Castle Inn for Miss Moore. It is probable that Miss Lloyd will have to remain in Buffalo during the entire session of General Assembly, and Miss Rue will probably arrive on Tuesday evening and may return home on Saturday.

Dictated. New York, April 28, 1904.

Mrs. R. M. Stevenson,

2736 Decatur St., Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Mrs. Stevenson:-

We are planning for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which, as you know, will occur on Friday, May 20th, in the First Congregational Church, Buffalo, N. Y. As this marks the completion of twenty-five years of work under the Woman's Board, we are hoping that many of those who have long been associated with our work can be present, and on behalf of the Board I am requested to extend to you a special invitation.

Hoping that you can be present during the sessions and have a part with us in the service of praise and thanksgiving for the wondrous things God has wrought through the women of the church, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen Boole

Mrs. W. S. Fulton,

6735 McPherson St.,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Fulton:-

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Hoping that you can be present during the sessions and have a part with us in the service of praise and thanksgiving for the condrous things God has wrought through the women of the church, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen Boole

Dictated.

New York, April 29, 1904.

Mrs. C. D. King,

Wolf Point, Montana.

Dear Mrs. King:-

After so long a time the leaflet on Wolf Point is printed and we will send you two hundred copies, as they will probably be of great assistance to you in saving you much writing. As you will recognize, the leaflet is your own composition, though we were obliged to shorten it somewhat. I trust it will meet with your approval.

With kind regards and best wishes for the prosperity of the work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen Boole

Dictated. New York, April 30, 1904.

Mrs. William H. Davis,

Newton, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Davis:-

Your letter asking for copies of the Constitution of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church at hand. I am sorry to say that we can not supply the Constitution for the Woman's Board. As you doubtless know, it began with the appointment of an Executive Committee by General Assembly, which was delegated to carry on the educational work among the exceptional populations of our country. This Committee was composed of the officers and at least two vice-presidents from each synodical society. In addition to this there is an Advisory Board, made up of ladies in the vicinity of New York, who meet twice a month to consider the details of the administration of the work.

The Annual meeting is held in connection with General Assembly, but in the interim of these meetings full power is delegated to the workers in New York, such as attend the semi-monthly meetings.

I will have sent to you the Handbook, which gives the details of the organization, but so far as a constitution for the Woman's Board is concerned, there is nothing that could be dignified by that name because we are not an incorporated body and only receive funds in trust, though we have the entire administration of them ourselves. Standing rules are made from time to time, which cover the work of the organization. I am sorry I can not be of greater assistance to you.

Very cordially yours,

Sarah Cole,

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Miss Matilda L. Allison,

Crescent, Penna.

Dear Miss Allison:-

We are deep in the plans for the twenty-fifth Annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and I write at the request of Mrs. James and the other workers to invite you to be present at its sessions. You doubtless know that we are to meet in the First Congregational Church, corner Elmwood and Bryant Sts., Buffalo, N. Y., on Friday, May 20th. On Wednesday afternoon, May 25th, we are to have what we call a Page of Reminiscences, with short addresses by "long-timed missionaries and pioneer workers." I am sure that all would be glad if it would be possible for you to be present. Without doubt, we could provide free entertainment for you.

We are sending out this special invitation to several who have long been associated with the work, and I know it would give Mrs. James peculiar pleasure if you could attend.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Beale.

Dictated. New York, April 30, 1904.

Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D.,

Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Roberts:-

I write you in reference to the use of the Assembly's Church for the popular meeting, under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, on Sunday afternoon, May 22nd, at three o'clock. I believe that for a great many years it has been the custom for this meeting to be scheduled as a part of the General Assembly's meetings, and we have proceeded as in former years, with the expectation that this service will be given to the Woman's Board. Dr. Thompson will preside at the meeting, and we trust that it will be helpful and interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Poole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, May 2, 1904.

Mrs. G. C. Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

Dear Mrs. Yeisley:-

We have just about completed the program of the Annual meeting and I write now to ask you to preside at the meeting on Wednesday afternoon. This, as you know, consists of a conference of synodical workers, and this being the twenty-fifth anniversary, we will introduce, also, a new feature, entitled "A Page of Reminiscences," with the idea in view of having short addresses by long time missionaries and pioneer workers. We have sent a special invitation to those long associated with the work to attend this Annual meeting, and have no doubt but many of them will be present.

Hoping this will meet with your approval, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, May 2, 1904.

Rev. D. Stuart Dodge, D. D.,

11 Cliff St., New York City.

Dear Dr. Dodge:-

I write to ask you to make the closing prayer and pronounce the benediction at the close of the afternoon session of the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board, Friday, May 20th. Our meetings will be held in the First Congregational Church, corner Elmwood and Bryant Sts., Buffalo, N. Y., by direct car line from the Assembly's Church, and we shall count it a great privilege if the President of the Board of Home Missions can take the time to do this service for us and possibly to attend a part of our afternoon session.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, May 2, 1904.

Mrs. W. A. M. Grier,

76 St. James Place,

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mrs. Grier:-

We are very glad indeed that you are planning to attend the Annual meeting at Buffalo, Friday, May 20th, and lest I should not have an opportunity to speak with you, I write to say that immediately after the annual address of the President, and the anniversary hymn, we have put on the program the anniversary offering, giving the names of the committee, and we would like to have you speak for five or seven minutes on that subject. We hope you will be willing to take this part, as the women of the church will want to know what has been accomplished.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Foote.

Dictated. New York, May 2, 1904.

Mrs. W. E. Honeyman,

Plainfield, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Honeyman:-

We have completed the program for the Annual meeting and I write in this formal way to inform you that we have put you upon the program to make a short closing prayer on the morning of Friday, May 20th.

As we have been looking up the records of Synodical Presidents, we find that you have been longest in service of any one upon our list, therefore you can not say "no" when we ask you to make this closing prayer.

I was afraid if I were to tell you to-morrow you would not think I was formal enough in notifying you.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Poole.

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Dictated. New York, May 2, 1904.

Mrs. D. M. Cooper,

Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Cooper:-

We are very glad that you and Mrs. Ladue are planning to attend the Annual meeting at Buffalo, and have taken the liberty of putting you upon the program for the opening prayer on Friday morning, May 20th. I hope this may meet with your approval, and that nothing will prevent your being present.

Mrs. Graves is an old friend of mine, and the next time you see her, give her my love. We were associated many years in Christian work, and I grew to love her.

Anticipating the pleasure of meeting you at Buffalo, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 2, 1904.

Mrs. H. Osgood Holland,

335 Hudson St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Holland:-

Will you kindly see that a single room is reserved for Mrs. J. B. Kendall of La Porte, Indiana, until May 12th? She is an old lady; was one of the members of the first committee appointed to consider the advisability of forming a Woman's Board, and hopes now to be able to attend. She has written to ask me who is chairman of the Entertainment Committee, but am afraid by the time my letter gets to her, and an answer is back, your single rooms will all be taken. She will probably write you as soon as she receives my letter, but hold a room for her if you can.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, May 4, 1904.

Miss Kate E. Putnam,

765 Washington St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Miss Putnam:-

Your letter at hand, and also the telegram. I telephoned Mrs. James this morning to know what to do about the matter of delegates, and she said that any society would be entitled to send a delegate to the Annual meeting, and whoever comes, whether from a society, a young people's society, a Band, or a Presbyterial Society, can have a delegate's badge, so that I guess you are all right. I should think your badges would be very pretty. Of course, this interprets delegate in a very loose sense, but as there will be no voting on the day of the Annual meeting, it will make no difference, but the fact that they can have a delegate will bring more societies in touch with our all day meeting.

We have been having delightful weather in New York for the last few days, and I trust it may be pleasant for the Annual meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, May 4, 1904.

Mrs. V. P. Boggs,

104 Sixth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Boggs -

Your letter, saying that you had invited Mrs. M. J. Seabrook of Sumter, S. C., as the missionary of the Freedmen's work, at hand. I hope she will be able to come, for I am afraid we can not delay the program much longer to insert the name. There will be an opportunity for her to speak ten minutes on the day of the Annual meeting, and also an opportunity for a short talk on Wednesday afternoon, when we will have what we call "A Page of Reminiscences." I assure you, Mrs. Boggs, that we will give to your missionary just as much time as is granted to those directly under the Woman's Board, but the hours of the day are too short to give to any of them the time we would like to, for, personally, I should be glad to make my report very short, but as this is the twenty-fifth anniversary it becomes absolutely essential that the work be properly presented, and it is something that is due the organization, so, accordingly, my time will not be more than fifteen minutes and will make it ten if I can get through.

Shall be glad to have the opportunity of meeting you personally, and trust that the meeting may have for us all a spiritual blessing.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 4, 1904.

Mrs. C. L. Bailey,

Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:-

We are very sorry that it will not be possible for you to attend the Annual meeting in Buffalo and, of course, will cordially greet those who do represent your synodical society.

Mrs. James has just returned from Porto Rico and is full of enthusiasm for the new work on that field.

The receipts from the anniversary offering are about $40,000. We confidently expect that the women of the church will contribute the additional $10,000 so that the full amount will be raised; will be glad if we could get it all before the meeting of General Assembly, but I am afraid the time is too short.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you when you come to New York, and knowing that you will pray for God's blessing upon our meetings, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 4, 1904.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,

140 Jackson Place, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

Miss White is away from home and a part of your letter has been referred to me. We can not tell yet where your fall work will lie, but soon after we return from General Assembly will hold a conference, at which we will plan for the synodical meetings. If we should assign you to synodical meetings and any schools could be visited en route, that arrangement may be made, but as the matter was presented to the Finance Committee, they decided that they had never planned for speakers to visit the field, except when it could be done in connection with other work. We will bear it in mind, however, and see what can be done after we return from General Assembly.

In the matter of Kittanning Presbytery:- We have not yet heard from them but will let you know as soon as a reply is received to Miss White's letter.

It is the judgment of the ladies that you ought to take one month during the summer for rest.

Hoping that you will keep well and enjoy your work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella H. Boole,

Dictated. New York, May 5, 1904.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Finks:-

Mrs. James would like to have you preside on Wednesday afternoon, May 25th, when we shall have the workers' conference and the Page of Reminiscences, with short addresses by old time missionaries and pioneer workers. I know you will be willing to do it, but send the message along.

Was sorry not to see you again before you left on Tuesday but these are such very busy days that one can hardly be courteous to their friends when they come in.

I don't know whether I made it clear when you asked me if Mrs. James approved of publishing the program for the Annual meeting. That she did, and did so very readily after she had thought of it a little.

Will you want Miss Moore next week? I shall probably be out of the office all day on Wednesday, so that if you need her she can come to you.

What have you decided about the topics for next year? I remember that at the annual meeting of the Publication Committee that matter was left in your hands, and two societies have written me in regard to their programs for the coming year and for suggestions. I don't know what time of the year you are accustomed to an-

nounce these, but certainly there is a little demand now for them.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 5, 1904.

Mrs. G. C. Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

Dear Mrs. Yeisley:-

Mrs. James has just been in and although I wrote you at her request, asking you to preside on Wednesday afternoon, she now thinks it would be better if you presided on Tuesday afternoon, at the time of the synodical reports and the election of officers, and at her request I am writing again. We shall take it for granted that you will be willing to do this, and I am sorry to be obliged to make any change, but I know you will understand.

We are glad that Miss Rice will also be able to attend the Annual meeting, and believe that our twenty-fith anniversary will mean a spiritual uplift to all of us.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 5, 1904.

Mrs. H. Osgood Holland,

335 Hudson St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Holland:-

Your letter stating that the Presbyterial Society would assume the expenses of the extra guest, of which I wrote, at hand, and it is certainly very kind of you. We had not thought of your paying for them, but thought you might be able to secure free entertainment. Will they be at Castle Inn with the rest of us, or will you place them in homes? In order that there may be no mistake, I will state definitely who they are.

Miss Rue and Miss Lloyd will probably arrive in Buffalo Tuesday evening, May 17th, as they will have charge of the literature. Mrs. Baker and Miss Eaton and Miss Moore will arrive on Wednesday evening. You will remember that I asked that a room be reserved for Miss Moore at Castle Inn, as she is my stenographer and needs to be near the office force for the conferences. If you deem it best to assign the other workers to homes it will be all right, but let me suggest that they be as near the church as possible.

Mrs. Baker, Miss Eaton and Miss Rue will remain until Monday morning, but Miss Lloyd will have to remain through the meetings of Assembly. We do not ask, however, that you provide for her entertainment beyond Monday, as the Board will attend to that.

Mr. James will not come but, of course, we will want a pleasnt room for Mrs. James, and give her first choice. Mrs. James, Miss Lincoln and myself will come by the D. L. & W., leaving New York at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, due in Buffalo at 8 P. M. Miss Petrie will come by Lehigh Valley, arriving about the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Finks and their daughter are planning now to arrive on Thursday morning, and I think Dr. and Mrs. McAfee will arrive at the same time.

Mrs. Boggs will notify you of the time of her arrival. I think I sent you the names of the missionaries, with their addresses, and you will doubtless hear from them.

We have a goodly list of names of those who will attend the Annual meeting, and those in the office assure me it is a little larger than usual. We greatly appreciate the kindness of the ladies of Buffalo Presbyterial in looking after the entertainment of the office force.

In visiting the church I selected the first room at the door, you will remember, as the room for our literature. I hope you will see that this is reserved for us, and I think Mr. Finks has written you in regard to ways of darkening the lecture room for his stereopticon lectures. Without doubt, you will be able to do what he wants.

I am writing you these details now because as the days go by there will be so many things to attend to, and the more that are out of the way now the better for all of us.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 6, 1904.

Miss V. S. Knowles,

734 Arrapahoe Ave.,

Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Miss Knowles:-

I am always glad to answer questions in regard to the work, and never hesitate to write me if I can be of service to you.

The question you ask is one that we have had asked several times before, inasmuch as efforts are made in some places to have the church support a missionary, and our women are asked to give their contributions for this purpose. We are very sorry when any societies votes to do this, because it means just so much taken from the resources of the Woman's Board.

When we apportion the work for the year we assume work in accordance with the receipts of last year, and all the money is appropriated. If any society declines to accept the work apportioned to it, it means a shortage in funds, and we must look elsewhere to get that money. Should all our societies decline to accept their apportionment - and if one does all would have the right - it would mean the Woman's Board of Home Missions would pass out of existence, and would mean, further, that the mission school work under the Presbyterian Church would have to stop, as there is no other provision for this. Of course, if societies prefer to give to the general work rather than to a special object, and would con-

tribute the same amount as they do when they have the personal element injected through pledged work in the form of salaries and scholarships, it would answer our purpose as well, but we have found that the personal element helps greatly in raising funds and makes it easier for the women to give when they know there is a teacher whose salary is dependent upon them, or a pupil who is in school because they contribute the money for a scholarship.

I enclose a leaflet on the Technique of Home Missions, which is most excellent, considered from the standpoint for the necessity of the organization of a woman's auxiliary, and we now have in course of preparation a leaflet amplifying this thought, but it will not be ready for a little time yet.

I sincerely hope that the women of Boulder Presbyterial will continue loyal to the work of the Woman's Board, and each year endeavor to make an advance that will provide for the growth of the work.

If I have not answered your questions fully, write again.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, May 12, 1904.

Dr. Grace W. Atkins,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Atkins:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday the fact of your resignation and approaching marriage was mentioned, and the ladies desired me to express to you their regret that you must resign from their work but very hearty congratulations on the fact that you are to be married.

If I may indulge in something not quite so dignified as a Secretary ought to write, I would say that the ladies do not blame the young man for falling in love with you but their regret is that you fell in love with the young man, as it deprives us of the services of one of our most valued workers. Seriously, we want you to know that we regret your resignation, but know you will ever be ready to help the cause of Christ and medical missions and that you will do all in your power to sustain the hospital and the new superintendent.

I presume you know that Dr. Gill of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has been chosen as your successor, and whenever you are ready to retire he will be ready to go to Porto Rico, being there, however, some little time with you. He is a man who has had experience in hospital work; a graduate of Princeton, in the class of '81; a direct descendant, on his mother's side, of Ponce de Leon; speaks

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Spanish as his native tongue, and we believe is the right one. He will need our prayers, however, and all the co-operation and help we can give him.

Instead of losing you, we hope we will have gained in your husband a helper in the cause of Home Missions, and know that even though your home be outside of the hospital, you will be one with us in the desire to uplift humanity.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, May 12, 1904.

Prof. R. J. Caskey,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Caskey:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday I was directed to express to you the thanks of our ladies for your faithful service at the head of the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute, and their regret at your resignation. May you be richly blessed in all the work you attempt to do, and we know that wherever you are you will be interested in the mission work undertaken by the women of the Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, May 12, 1904.

Miss Janette I. Sturges,

Elmhurst, Illinois.

Dear Miss Sturges:-

Your letter, addressed to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, relative to the resolution passed by your Presbyterial Society in regard to literature, was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday. After very careful consideration, and appreciating the convenience that would be attached to having a full stock of our literature in Chicago, and the confusion arising from the fact that the Woman's Board of the Northwest has its headquarters there, we do not feel, however, as if we could, at the present time, incur the additional expense of providing another worker, but the following resolution was adopted:- "Resolved, That in response to a communication from the Chicago Presbyterial Society, relative to increasing the supply of Home Mission literature, that the plan followed by the Philadelphia Presbyterial Societies be recommended, viz.: that a full supply of literature, and of all new publications, be forwarded at a price to cover cost, and that the profit be retained by the society." We hope that this will, in some measure, meet the need.

Of course, the situation with regard to the Foreign Board is different from that of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, as there are seven Women's Foreign Boards, and each has its own headquarters, while there is but one central office for the Woman's

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Board, and it becomes essential that, so far as possible, workers should send here for their supplies, because here is where the work is apportioned, and we would know, when special helps are asked for, just what they needed. We will, however, be very glad to send a full supply of literature at cost price, and are willing to wait until the money is received before having pay for it.

This has been very successfully done in Philadelphia, and the ladies are well satisfied. In the event that orders come for literature from other presbyteries, and from other parts of the country, caused by lack of knowledge of the situation, if you can not easily supply them, let Mrs. Adams slip them in an envelope and send them here and they will be attended to promptly, and any expense she may incur from postage, we will reimburse for.

We will be very glad to talk this matter over with your president at Buffalo.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, May 12, 1904.

Mrs. Cora K. Adams,
40 East Randolph St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Adams:-

I am sending you a copy of the letter which has been sent to Miss Sturges, in reply to the resolution of the Presbyterial Society of Chicago. We will, however, talk the matter over with your president at Buffalo, but hope that this arrangement may prove satisfactory. Of course, we do not want to overburden you and trust that we can so arrange it that it will not be overburdening, and that you can have on hand a sufficient supply of literature to meet the demands of those who call for it. Let us hear from you.

Miss White is away visiting one of our fields, and I am attending to her mail. We will bear in mind your request for a speaker for June 16th, and while Miss White will not go to Buffalo, yet we will endeavor to find some one who can stop with you, and will let you know. Would you be willing to have a gentleman if we could not secure a lady? Perhaps it would be well for you to write me at Castle Inn, Buffalo, N. Y., and that will bring it to my attention and I will then be able to find some one for you.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 12. 1904.

Mrs. J. P. Schell,

Warren, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Schell:--

Your kind letter, expressive of appreciation of the work of the Woman's Board, and saying you would be unable to attend the meeting at Buffalo at hand. We are sorry that you can not be with us, because this year we shall especially bring to the front those who have long been identified with the work. I shall take all the letters received to Buffalo and hope there may be a "roll call" at which extracts may be read from the letters of our pioneer workers who are unable to be with us. Surely they all count it a privilege to have a part in this blessed work!

We will send you one of our souvenir programs, which will be ready in a few days.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 13, 1904.

Miss Matilda L. Allison,

Cresson, Penna.

Dear Miss Allison:-

Your letter of May 12th at hand, and I am sure it would give our ladies a great deal of pleasure if you can attend the Annual meeting at Buffalo, and I write to ask you to be present and we will see that your traveling expenses are paid. We feel quite sure that the ladies of Buffalo will provide entertainment, so that the traveling expenses will be the only additional expense. It is probable they will want you to talk a little on Wednesday afternoon, when we have what we call "A Page of Reminiscence," and I am sure that while you modestly say you can not talk, you can represent the work with which you have been identified for so many years, and it will mean a great deal for the women to have the opportunity of meeting you personally. Please write Mrs. H. Osgood Holland, 335 Hudson St., Buffalo, N. Y., who is the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, when you will arrive, and I will also write her, asking her to notify you of your place of entertainment.

Hoping that it will be possible for you to be present, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York May 14, 1904.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,

Ellicott City, Md.

My dear Mrs. Palmer:-

Mrs. James has just telephoned me that she is very desirous of having you present at the annual meeting in Buffalo, and report the work you have done at the meeting on Tuesdayafternoon. She thinks it would be well for you to be present at the meeting all day on Friday. I will enclose a programme so that you can see just what the meetings are that are scheduled. We will write Mrs. H. Osgood Holland, 335 Hudson St., Buffalo, that you will be there and she will see that your entertainment is provided. I am afraid she cannot reach you before you leave, but if you can write her the time of arrival somebody can meet you at the train.

I know this will interfere with your meetings in New Castle Presbytery, but I do not know what you can do except to postpone them until after the annual meeting, running over into June; then the meetings in Steuben Presbytery can be put after the ones in Chemung, though I have not heard from either Presbytery.

I presume you better plan to reach Buffalo on Friday morning at the latest, and remain for the session on Wednesday. If you thought best to take the night train back you could do so.

Hoping that this may meet with your approval, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

(Enclosure).

Dictated. New York, Mar. 17, 1904

Rev. E. D. Holter,

Ozone, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Holter:-

Your letter offering to give to the Woman's Board of Home Missions four acres of land, and stating that contributions of $200 are in sight, provided the Woman's Board will erect a building within a year and open a school at Ozone, Tenn., was presented at the meeting this morning. We would be only too glad to enter every open door by means of erecting school houses and putting in teachers if we only had the funds, but last year the receipts were $[illegible],000 short of the amount of money expended, and only through the kindness of the Assembly's Board, which assumed the work of evangelization, are we able to go up to General Assembly without a debt. This being the case, it is absolutely impossible for us to assume any new work, unless the funds are guaranteed for the carrying on of the school. As the opening of a new school at Ozone would mean several hundred dollars additional for the erection of the building, as well as the salaries of the teachers, we must defer accepting the proposition for the present.

Hoping that later something may develop that will make it possible for us to undertake this work, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, June 2, 1904.

Mrs. Haire,

Castle Inn,

Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mrs. Haire:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Mission on Tuesday I was authorized to extend to you their thanks for the very hospitable way in which you cared for our synodical workers during the time of our Annual meeting. We heartily appreciate all the work it must have required of you to get your house in shape for us, but it was the verdict of all that they never were cared for better during the time of an Annual meeting than this year, and we want you to know how much we appreciate all you did for us.

Hoping that your hotel may continue to prosper and that you may be blessed with health and strength, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen H. Poole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 2, 1904.

Miss Kate E. Putnam,
765 Washington St.,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Miss Putnam:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday I was directed to extend to you and the chairmen of all the committees, as well as the workers upon each of the committees, their most cordial thanks for the very efficient way in which all the arrangement were made for our Annual meeting. It does not seem that it would have been possible for things to have moved any more smoothly than they did through all your committees; all were lovely, all were courteous, and not only were necessities provided for but many things we could have done without but which furnished us pleasure were thoughtfully provided.

We shall always remember the hospitality of Buffalo and the splendid corps of workers that looked after the twenty-fifth anniversary meeting. Personally, I shall count the workers as personal friends and hope some time again to have the opportunity to meet them all.

Will you kindly convey the thanks of the Woman's Board to the committees, and I wish I could put it in a way that did not sound so formal, because we do heartily appreciate all that was done for us. We are now, all of us, back at our desks and busily en-

(Miss Putnam, #2.)

gaged in "picking up the dropped stitches" and planning the work for the coming year.

We trust that the results of the meeting may mean renewed interest along the line of auxiliary societies throughout the Presbytery of Buffalo and adjoining presbyteries.

Praying that God's richest blessing may rest upon you, I am,

Yours with love and best wishes,

Ella A. Brooks.

Dictated. New York, June 3, 1904.

Mrs. A. N. Elliott,

855 Stark St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Elliott:-

Your letter of May 23rd has received very careful consideration. I showed it to Dr. McAfee and this is the result: At both places where Miss Morse was employed she was not able to do the work and did not give satisfaction; the verdict was that she was a very pleasant lady but physically unable to carry on the work. Our workers here do not feel that she could be re-appointed again unless her salary were guaranteed entirely above and beyond any contributions that were being made now by the auxiliaries.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has had delegated to it by General Assembly a specific work which, from time to time, has been enlarged. The auxiliary societies, combined along presbyterial and synodical lines, are part of the Woman's Board, and we have a right to expect that the money raised by our auxiliary societies shall be sent through the proper channels here to be administered in accordance with the entire plan of the work, and such plans must be made here. When the apportionments are sent out it is not with any thought that they are obligatory upon any presbyterial society, but that each society may have a share in the

whole and that they may have some idea of the part that belongs to them. The fact that Cincinnati is not apportioned as much for a certain purpose as Cleveland Presbyterial may seem strange on the surface, but Cincinnati Presbyterial has assumed the salaries of a great many teachers and accordingly can not be expected to do as much along other lines. The work is apportioned very carefully with a survey of the entire field, but I am sure it is not in the heart of any one of those who do this to be unjust in the slightest particular, but, of course, you understand that as we look at it here we must consider the entire field.

It looks as if the coming year would be a very hard one in our work; that seems to be the general impression of all who are engaged in religious work. Accordingly, we shall be obliged to insist that our auxiliary societies share the burden with the officers, and that every effort be made to meet every obligation first before any new work can be undertaken.

The work will be apportioned here within the coming week, even as the work of the year was planned before we went to General Assembly. It is true these plans must be founded on estimated receipts. The amount contributed last year is the basis upon which we work. We have been obliged this year to cut at many points, until some of us felt we cut too much, and yet we must use our common sense in planning, and knowing that the women of the church realize that the responsibility is upon them, as defined by

General Assembly, rather than upon us as individuals who are the officers, we hope and expect that they will meet the obligations. I hope I have made this clear. If not, I will be glad to have you write me again.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, June 3, 1904.

Miss Jennie Ordway,

Sodus, New York.

Dear Miss Ordway:-

I think that we can let you off from going to Philadelphia for June 8th. There is some misunderstanding about it, as Mrs. Hodge wrote me that the ladies of Philadelphia had engaged you to talk on Porto Rico at that meeting. It would be a long and expensive trip for you to make for a single meeting, and possibly you can arrange to go to them in the fall, when you are more rested than now. I will write Mrs. Hodge at once in regard to it.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 8, 1904.

Dr. Charles R. [redacted]

Poughkeeps[redacted] York.

Dear Dr. Gill:-

As you are to go to Porto Rico to take charge of the hospital of the Woman's Board, I write in reference to a plan proposed at the meeting of the Board yesterday. $850.00 has just been given to the hospital as its share of the "Hurricane Relief Fund," and we have decided to retain this as a nucleus for the new house to be built for the superintendent.

It would add very much to the convenience of the workers in the hospital and greatly improve the place if a cement walk could be laid about the place, and Dr. Atkins would like very much to have it done now, but as more than a thousand dollars on the hospital remains unpaid, we do not feel that we could use this fund for that purpose now. However, when you were here you signified your willingness to raise some money for the hospital, and, accordingly, I am told to authorize you to raise $2,500 for the purpose of laying this road and completing the payments upon the hospital, and from this fund, if you succeed in getting it, we will be enabled to complete the amount necessary for the completion of the house, and while you may feel that in a sense it is asking for money for yourself, it is not so but it is asking money for the hospital building and the home for the superintendent of the hospital.

(Mr. Gill, Jr.)

The road will cost in the neighborhood of $300, and the rest of the money will be used as indicated.

I understand that you are planning to sail June 18th, but there is a little time before that and you may be able to approach your friends by letter, even if you can not see them personally.

Next time you are in the office, we will be very glad to have you call at the rooms of the Woman's Board.

Very sincerely yours,

Ellen F. Poole,

Secretary.

[redacted] New York, June 8, 1904.

Mrs. J. T. Kelly,

1867 Kenesaw Ave., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:-

Miss Leadingham surprised us by coming in yesterday, and I think she has written you that it is her plan to go to Washington to-day or to-morrow, accepting your invitation to visit you. I am sure you will be pleased with her at your presbyterial meeting.

And now in regard to the Laura Sunderland School:- It is not the expectation of the Woman's Board to do anything in the matter of the sale of Laura Sunderland School which will in any injure or cripple the work that has already been done. When we learned that it was proposed to purchase the site next to our lot for a colored theological seminary, it became very evident that should it be purchased our school would be ruined, as no one would send their daughters to a school where colored students must pass the grounds. The matter was presented to us here at the rooms, and it was suggested that we offer to sell our property there, transferring the school to the mountain regions, where we could do the work which rightfully belongs to us. They asked us to name a price, and we named such a price as would cover not only the grounds and building but the furniture as well, expecting to reserve an ample

(Mrs. Kelly, #2.)

amount to furnish the new building wherever it shall be located. The reply to this proposition was that the price named was too large. They are looking elsewhere. What the result will be we cannot say, but of one thing we may rest assured, if the property is sold the new school, which will be located in the mountain region, will be called the Laura Sunderland School. Provision will be made for the furnishings, so that the Washington people will not be called upon again to refurnish, and every effort will be made not to cripple the work but rather to increase it and along the very lines in which the Presbyterian Church has done such effective service. We will keep you informed in regard to any new developments that may arise.

We were sorry you could not attend the Annual meeting at Buffalo. It was a delightful occasion and full of enthusiasm.

Yours with love,

Dictated. New York, June 9, 1904.

Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson,

Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Robertson:-

At the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board in Buffalo, N. Y., a change was made in the representation from the synodical societies in the list of vice-presidents, in many cases reducing the number from the synods. A resolution was passed, however, providing for the election of not more than five vice-presidents at large, who shall be selected from those who have had long experience in Home Mission work.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to notify you that you were elected one of these five vice-presidents at large, and while you have long been a member of the Woman's Board, am sure it must be a gratification to know that the women so thoroughly appreciate your services that they still want your name enrolled upon the list of honored vice-presidents.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

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Mrs. C. E. Walker,

Long Beach, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Walker:-

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Cordially yours,

Collett Boone

Secretary.

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Mrs. M. E. Boyd,

Ocean Grove, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Boyd:-

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Cordially yours,

Elizabeth Wade,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 9, 1904.

Mrs. W. B. Holmes,

Honesdale, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Holmes:-

I have handed your order for literature to Miss Rue, so you will receive the leaflets at once.

We were all sorry that you could not be with us at Buffalo. The meetings were very delightful, full of enthusiasm, and the attendance large. I wish you might have been there on Friday, when the anniversary fund was formally presented to Mrs. James and when the Buffalo ladies gave her a boquet of twenty-five beautiful white roses. The air was full of enthusiasm and praise to God and those who have attended a great many meetings say that this was one of the very best ever attended. The Buffalo ladies are an exceptionally fine set of ladies and nothing was left undone to minister to our comfort ane enjoyment.

I did so enjoy meeting the synodical officers, among them dear Mrs. Pomeroy. She is indeed a saint, and it is a benediction to know her, They were all very kind to me and seemed to take me right in as one of the workers; in fact, I think I have almost earned the right now not to be called the "New Secretary," because I am feeling very much at home.

I am very sorry Mr. Holmes was ill, both on his account and that it prevented your coming to Buffalo.

(Mrs. Helmes, #2.)

Mrs. James has not been at all well since her return from Buffalo. If she would only take a little rest, but that is not her nature.

Remember me very kindly to Mr. Helmes.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 9, 1904.

Mrs. S. Pitney Johnson,

43 Maple Ave., Morristown, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:-

We are arranging the committees for the coming year, and I write at the request of Mrs. James to ask which one of the fields you would prefer to be assigned to.

We are very glad to welcome you as one of the members of the Advisory Board and trust you will be able to meet with us often.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 9, 1904.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,

Elmira, New York.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

I presume you began your work at Chemung Presbytery yesterday, and as that presbytery does not give very large amounts for the work of the Woman's Board, it seems to us it would be a good thing for you to have something special to plead for for increasing contributions. I presume you have a copy of my report, which contained the appeal for additional workers for French Broad Presbytery, to take care of the results of our school work. You know the Woman's Board pays all the salaries of all the ministers in French Broad Presbytery, and after conference with those here in the office, I write to suggest that you plead for money for the salaries of the ministers in that presbytery. The churches have grown out of the schools, and that being the case it is but fair and just that the women should support the churches.

I trust you will have strength for your work in Chemung Presbytery, and know it will seem good to be out in the country during this beautiful month of June. We will not plan for any meetings for you in July or August, but in a few days will decide where to place you for the fall and winter.

Mrs. James has not been at all well since her return from Buffalo, but we all greatly enjoyed the meetings.

Very cordially yours,

Ella T. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 13, 1904.

Mrs. J. T. Kelly,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:-

With gratitude to God for His guidance and the opportunity for service during the past twenty-five years, the Woman's Board, on the threshold of a new year, confronts new responsibilities.

The receipts for all purposes last year were $459,836.48, of which we received $68,023.31 for the work among the Freedmen - this was administered by the Freedmen's Board - and $39,088.70 for the anniversary offering, which last amount has, since the closing of the books, been increased to $41,466.54. It had been planned to make the anniversary offering an extra, but you will note that the totals for the year are only $15,000 in excess of last year, while the Treasurer's report shows that the woman's auxiliaries fell behind $11,000. While in most cases the pledges were met, the General Fund suffered. Because of this, and the unaveidable increased expenses of the boarding schools, at the end of the year there was a deficit of $33,000 which, being just about the amount assumed by the Woman's Board for the work of evangelization, was met by the Home Board, thus enabling us to report "no debt."

THE ADVANCE. We have gone very carefully over the schedule, economizing in every way possible, but it will be necessary for the women of the church to gather as much money this year as was

gathered for all purposes, including the anniversary offering last year.

1st. That we may carry on the work already begun, and provide for its natural increase.

2nd. That we may complete the anniversary fund, securing the whole of the $50,000 necessary to build, equip and endow the Santa Fe School for Mexican Boys in New Mexico. If all money for this purpose could be in hand by November 1, 1904, the building could soon be under way.

3rd. That we may care for the fruits of the work carried on through the mission schools for these twenty-five years. To this end, the Woman's Board has again assumed the salaries of the ministers in French Broad Presbytery and in Southeastern Alaska, and the partial support of the synodical missionaries who supervise our schools.

ORGANIZATION AND METHODS. In order that all may share in the work let an effort be made:

1st To organize a Woman's Home Missionary Society in every church in every synod, that every Presbyterian woman may have an opportunity to have a part in the work committed to the women of the church by General Assembly. There are 7,922 Presbyterian Churches, and contributions were received last year from 3,900 women's societies, so there are still many churches to be reached by the Woman's Board.

2nd. To secure the observance in every Sabbath school of November 20, 1904, as Home Mission Sunday, at which the program prepared by the Woman's Board shall be used, and an offering taken for

the school work. It is peculiarly appropriate that the Sabbath schools shall have a part in this work, for it is essentially a work for children and young people.

3rd. To encourage Young People's Societies and Bands to study Home Missions, to the end that they may become intelligent Christian citizens and faithful supporters of the work so necessary to the welfare of our country.

4th. To increase the efforts for, and to enlarge the circulation of the Home Mission Monthly and Over Sea and Land, and to spread broadcast our literature. An increase in knowledge means an increase in prayers and gifts.

5th. To organize Study Classes in our auxiliary societies as well as among the young people, using as text books the books prepared by our Boards upon the various fields. Two of these books, "The Redemption of the Red Man," and "Work among the Mexicans" have already been issued and others will be published shortly.

6th. To urge individual effort in behalf of the Anti-Polygamy Amendment. We rejoice greatly over the increased information possessed by the people, but must not relax our efforts until this amendment is secured. Personal appeals must be made to Members of Congress by voters to deliver our land from the evils of Mormonism; patriotism, and loyalty to home and God demand it, and we must help.

BALTIMORE'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical

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society. In accordance with our usual method we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

1st, from the natural increase of societies that have their own permanent pledges; 2nd, from the new societies that may be formed; 3rd, from those that have not undertaken anything specific. We are asking for an advance in some instances this year, but desire to emphasize the fact that contributions for the General Fund are just as essential as for the pledged work. Should any society desire to assume additional pledged work, we will be glad to assign it to them. Will you apportion among your presbyterial societies the following: $1,000 for Laura Sunderland School, Concord, N. C.; $1,500 for the school at Tucson, Arizona, and the salary of a teacher at Anasco, Porto Rico?

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.- The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of the Boys' Farm School, Asheville, N. C., under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Mr. F. S. Herndon, of Arizona, under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

(Mrs. Kelly, #5.)

The Young People's Secretary at headquarters will be glad, if it should be desired, to send to synodical and presbyterial officers samples of all the material distributed by the Young People's Department.

At the recent meeting in Buffalo a resolution was passed recommending that presbyterial secretaries of Children's Bands be appointed. This was done believing that this would stimulate work among and the organization of the children.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. In accordance with the recommendation of General Assembly that an offering be taken in all Sunday schools on the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving for the work of the Woman's Board, we ask that such an offering be made for the Menaul School at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

IN CONCLUSION. Beloved co-laborers, leaders in the Presbyterian ranks of the church militant, we can not close this official letter without a clear note of encouragement. Our united, persistent prayers are being answered. We have prayed that God would open our eyes as a nation to our rapid decline in righteousness, and recent utterances from prominent leaders in Church and State have, with one accord, dwelt with warning notes on the rapid increase of our ratio of crime. God is opening our eyes. Shall we abate our prayers? Shall we not rather persist in our petitions that we may so see our sins as to turn from them with our whole heart? This

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means a tremendous awakening, but must come or we as a nation are doomed. Let us then make this year, more than ever, a year of prayer, as well as work, and let us strive to honor God with free will offerings, not merely monthly or yearly dues, but larger gifts given "hilariously." Then let us "prove God" with our tithes, that we may come to know what the opening of the windows of heaven and the pouring out of blessings beyond our ability to receive means. So shall this be a notable year in the coming of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God help us to realize our desire!

Very cordially yours,

Mary E. Lowe.
(Mrs. Benjamin R.)

President.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. Frederick W. Jackson, Hot Springs, N. C. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeaverers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of the teacher at Big Laurel, N. C., under the Woman'd Board, and to the support of Dr. S. E. Wishard, Synodical Missionary in Utah, under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeaverers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of the Principal of the New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Miss Mabel K. Bristow, Havana, Cuba, under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Mr. F. Garcia, Porto Rico, under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for

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(Mrs. Robinson, #4.)

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Dr. Jane H. Harris, medical missionary, San Juan, Porto Rico. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavoers will be given for the support

Dictated. New York, June 14, 1904.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D.,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

At the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee to-day the following resolution was passed:

"Inasmuch as there is nothing upon the title page of the new books, The Redemption of the Red Man, and Work Among the Mexicans" to indicate that they are joint publications of the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board, we respectfully ask that in further editions of these books, and in the other books that shall be issued, the proposed imprint be submitted to the Woman's Board for approval, before the books are published."

Yours respectfully,

Ellen B. Borden,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 14, 1904.

Mrs. H. C. Olin,

East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Olin:-

Mrs. James asks me to write you that she has received your request and will be glad to speak for ten minutes on the subject you suggest.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen B. Borden,

(Mrs. Butter, #4)

MONTANA'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning th work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contributed to the support of the work at Wolf Point, under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Tennessee, under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the

(Mrs. McAfee, #4)

MISSOURI'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contributed to the support of Mr. H. G. Brown, Principal at Tucson, Arizona, and to the support of Rev. L. F. Jones, Juneau, Alaska (St. Louis Presbytery), under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D., Synodical Missionary in

(Mrs. Cooper, #4)

MICHIGAN'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. D. R. Montgomery, Kassan, Alaska. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

(Mrs. Lapsley, #4)

KENTUCKY'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Dpartment. They will be asked to contribute to the support of the work at Pikeville, Ky. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

(Mrs. Hoag, #4)

KANSAS' SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provides a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of the Boys' Farm School, Asheville, N. C., under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Tennessee, under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior

(Mrs. Tilden, #4)

NEBRASKA'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Miss Della J. Merchant, Shelton Laurel, N. C., under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Rev. S. E. Wishard, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Utah, under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior

(Mrs. Yeisley, #4)

NEW YORK'S SPECIALS. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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(Mrs. Yeisley, #5)

each $250 for day school work in Utah; Champlain, Chemung, Columbia and Otsego Presbyterial Societies each $150 for day school work in Utah; Geneva and Long Island Presbyterial Societies each $250 for school at Hot Springs, N. C.; Nassau and Niagara Presbyterial Societies each $250 for Good Will Mission, South Dakota; New York Presbyterial Society $1,500 for work in Alaska, $1,000 for work in Porto Rico, $500 for work at Ross Fork, Idaho, and $500 for Albuquerque Training School, New Mexico; North River Presbyterial Society $250 for school at Tucson, Arizona; Rochester Presbyterial Society $500 for Good Will Mission, South Dakota; St. Lawrence Presbyterial Society $250 for school at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Steuben Presbyterial Society $150 for school at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Syracuse Presbyterial Society $500 for Sitka Training School, Alaska; Troy Presbyterial Society $350 for school at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Utica Presbyterial Society $250 for school at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Westchester Presbyterial Society $700 for school at Santa Fe, New Mexico?

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. Edward Marsden, native missionary at Saxman, Alaska, under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Rev. J. Y. Perea, New Mexico, and of Rev. G. S. Baskervill, Asheville Farm School, N. C., (Brooklyn Presbytery), and of Rev. Robert McLean, Porto Rico (New York Presbytery), under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior

(Mrs. Brown, #4)

NORTH DAKOTA'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Tennessee. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

Mrs. Honeyman, #4)

NEW JERSEY'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. R. M. Craig, Synodical Missionary in New Mexico. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of

(Mrs. Houston, #4.)

OHIO'S SPECIALS. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work we ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Mr. H. G. Brown, Superintendent of the Tucson School, Arizona, and of Miss M.

(Mrs. Ladd, #4)

NORTH PACIFIC BOARD SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work we ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your society through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to the support of the work in Alaska, under the Woman's Board, and to the support of the missionary at Jupiter, N. C., under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

Dictated. New York, June 16, 1904.

Mrs. S. A. Reeder,

665 Union St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Reeder:-

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter but we have been extremely busy in gathering up the loose ends after the Annual meeting.

The subject of the copy of the report being sent to the Clerk of the Presbytery was discussed at the Annual meeting, for I had had several complaints on that line. Several of the ladies said the Stated Clerks were glad to receive the complete reports; others felt that only the lists of presidents were necessary, while still others felt the whole reports were pigeoned holed. Nothin decisive was voted upon, but it was the general impression that each presbyterial secretary use her own judgment in the matter. Where the men were interested in our reports, of course it is well to send them, but most of the ladies felt all that was necessary to send was the summary that is on the back of the printed report. I will be able to state something definite in regard to this before the time of another annual report. I realize how much work is entailed upon our presbyterial secretaries, and do not want them to do anything that is unnecessary.

Very cordially yours,

Clara A. Poole,

(Mrs.Bailey, #4)

PENNSYLVANIA'S SPECIALS. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work we ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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Presbyterial Societies each $325 for the Albuquerque School for Mexican boys; Lehigh Presbyterial Society $225 for Sitka, Alaska; Northumberland and Washington Presbyterial Societies each $325 for Laura Sunderland, Concord, N. C.; Parkersburg and Shenango Presbyterial Societies each $125 for Sitka, Alaska; Philadelphia and Philadelphia North $1,200 for Anadarko, Okla. Ter., and $500 for the Laura Sunderland, Concord, N. C.; Redstone Presbyterial Sodiety $225 for Albuquerque School for Mexican boys; Wellsboro Presbyterial Society $100 for Sitka, Alaska; Westminister Presbyterial Society $350 for Porto Rico; Grafton and Wheeling Presbyterial Societies each $100 for school work in Cuba.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your society through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Mr. J. C. Ross, Superintendent of Albuquerque School, New Mexico, and of Rev. Henry C. Thomson, D. D., Albuquerque, New Mexico, (Philadelphia Presbytery), under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Rev. N. E. Clemenson, Logan, Utah, under the Assembly's Board. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

The Young People's Secretary at headquarters will be glad, if it should be desired, to send to synodical and presby-

(Mrs. McNiece, #4)

UTAH'S SPECIALS. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work we ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual method we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your society through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Tennessee. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

(Mrs. Little, #4)

TEXAS' SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work we ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual method we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your society through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the wupport of the Rev. D. McDonald, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Kentucky. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

(Mrs. Peed, #4)

TENNESSEE'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work we ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your society through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of the work at Rice Creek, Tenn., under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Tennessee. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The

(Miss McCauley, #4)

SOUTH DAKOTA'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work we ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your society through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Tennessee. The contributions from the Junior Christian Endeavorers will be given for the support of "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Bands will continue to have as their special object the Sitka Training School.

(Mrs. Vedder, #4)

WISCONSIN'S SPECIALS. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work we ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our annual method we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your society through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. D. E. Evans, Good Wil Mission, South Dakota, under the Woman's Board, and to the support of Rev. D. McDonald, D. D., Synodical Missionary in Kentucky.

(Mrs. Pomeroy, #4)

MINNESOTA'S SPECIAL. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual methods we lay before you the annual synodical apportionment, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed by every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The special Home Mission work laid out for the Christian Endeavorers in your synod will again be presented to your secretary through our Young People's Department. They will be asked to contribute to the support of Rev. D. E. Evans, Good Will, S. D., and to the support of the physician at San Juan, Porto Rico, (Minneapolis and St. Paul Presbyteries), and of the teacher at Mayagues, Porto Rico, (Red River Presbytery), under the Woman's Board, and of Rev. Mr. Gallaudet, Big Laurel, N. C., under

Dictated. New York, June 30, 1904.

Mrs. W. F. Butler,

75 Twelfth St., Wheeling, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Butler:-

I am very glad indeed to hear that you are planning to organize a Home and Foreign Presbyterial Society in the new presbytery of Wheeling, and I will pass your request for literature over to the literature department. I trust that you will be able to perfect your organization and begin the new year with a full corps of officers.

I presume the synod will be constituted in the fall and wish we might plan for the organization of a synodical society at the same time. Do you know whether any arrangements have been made yet? If so, kindly let me know.

Please convey to the ladies who will meet for the organization of the new presbyterial society the best wishes of the Woman's Board, and I want to assure you that if any of us can be of service to you at any time, you are not to hesitate to call upon us.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, June 22, 1904.

Mrs. Joseph Speers,

112 Fourteenth St.,

Wheeling, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Speers:-

Your letter to Mrs. Pingry, asking for helps in the organization of a presbyterial society, has come into my hands. Mrs. Pingry retired from the office nearly nine months ago. I am, however, very glad to ask our Literature Superintendent to send you a copy of the handbook for presbyterial and synodical workers. This was prepared some time ago and is in the course of revision now, but the main points are the same and without doubt it will furnish you the information you want.

We shall be very glad to welcome the new presbyterial society and hope you will notify us, as soon as it is organized, of the names of the officers. We are also looking forward to the fact that you are to organize a new synodical society this fall, and trust you will notify us of the date of the organization of the synod in order that plans may be made for the perfection of a synodical organization, and if the time is such that it is possible for me to be present myself will try to plan to do so.

Your letter to Dr. Thompson has also come to my hands. The matter of the organization of the missionary societies is in the hands of the Woman's Board, so there is no law of the church govern-

ing them. You were right in deciding upon the plan of representation at the meeting of the vice-presidents. There is no law, however, governing the number of delegates to represent each society; in general we recommend as large a representation as possible from each society, and you have the right to include bands, circles and C. E. Societies, but if you have decided upon one represntative this year that will be all right, and when the time comes for the adoption of your constitution you can change. In general, the presbyterial meetings are not delegated bodies in the strict sense, but are rather mass conventions, urging just as many to come from each auxiliary society as possible, and that means from each of the societies - woman's societies, circles, bands and C. E. Societies. We think it is a good plan if the presidents of the woman's societies are ex-officio vice-presidents of the presbyterial societies, and the delegates are in addition to these; then the vice-presidents, with the officers, can be called together to consider specific plans for the work, which are finally to be brought before the larger body.

If there are any further questions in regard to the matter of organization will be very glad to answer them. I presume you will plan for something of a program in connection with your meeting for organization, something that will be of interest in regard to the work and show the value of organized effort on the part of the women of the church.

Praying that God's richest blessing may rest upon you in all you do, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated, New York, June 24, 1904.

Mrs. Cora K. Adams,

40 East Randolph St.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Adams:-

Miss Lincoln has referred that part of your letter in regard to temperance secretaries to me as Secretary of the Woman's Board. At the Annual meeting in St. Louis, in 1900, a resolution was passed deeming it unwise for the missionary societies to appoint temperance secretaries, as it would mean a diverting element in the legitimate work of the missionary society, which is to gather funds for the educational work, in accordance with the commission of General Assembly. This action was re-affirmed at the meeting in Buffalo a few weeks ago.

There is a good deal of temperance work done on the mission field, as our missionaries constantly run up against the evils of drinking. At Asheville, N. C., a temperance meeting is held every Sunday afternoon, attended by fifty boys; and especially in the mountain and Indian fields our teachers are constantly having opportunities to talk total abstinence and to encourage the young people, as well as the older ones, against the use of alcohols. The organization of the woman's missionary society, however, is for a specific purpose, and if the door is opened for the entrance of reform work it means a diversion of interest and a diversion of funds.

(Mrs. Adams, #2.)

The same argument could be used for the incorporating of Sabbath Observance and kindred reform work. There is, of course, a Sabbath Alliance, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, composed of members of all denominations, is doing most effective temperance work, and it was the general belief of the women that while they were heartily in sympathy with temperance and believe that every Christian woman ought to be a total abstainer, it was not wise to have temperance secretaries in the auxiliary or presbyterial societies.

Hoping this will answer your question fully and that no woman will feel there are not opportunities to do temperance work, because there are no temperance secretaries in the societies, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Beale,

Dictated. New York, June 25, 1904.

Mrs. Emily Hutton Graham,

Hutton Place, Penn Yan, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Graham:-

It seemed very nice to receive even a postal from your household. I handed your request for names to Miss White, who is Secretary of the band work.

While I am not in possession of the facts, I have an idea that the blue color of the Home Mission Monthly was in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary, as blue was the color used in connection with our silver anniversary, and that after this month the cover will be the same as that of the June number. We think the new design is very pretty.

I hope your new band will be a successful one, and if we can be of any assistance to you, do not hesitate to ask.

Give my love to Celia. We shall both miss going to the L. T. L. Convention this year, but I trust it may be a very successful one.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Carle,

New York, June 27, 1904.

Dictated.

Miss Kate C. McBeth,

Lapwai, Idaho.

Dear Miss McBeth:-

Your letter telling of the plans of Rev. James Hayes came some little time ago, and we were greatly interested in the good work he is doing. The organization of the church at Shem City, and its growth, is a joy to all of us, and it must be a delight to Mr. Hayes to know that his neighbors among the Indians are so greatly appreciative. He has already been spoken of twice at the monthly meeting for special prayer, and we shall continue to pray that in all his work for the Master he may be greatly blessed.

Will be glad to have you keep us posted from time to time in regard to his work and any other matters that might be of interest to the work.

Very cordially yours,

Ellis A. Boole.

Illustrated.

New York, [illegible] 27, 1907.

Rev. W. A. [illegible]

Superintendent of City Mission [illegible]

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. [illegible] is in receipt of your [illegible] of one third offering help from the Board of Trade of Santa Fe for the establishment [illegible] school. We [illegible] appreciate this offer of help and [illegible] from some of the organizations of the Board will be very glad to render ourselves of your offer to furnish [illegible] aid. You shall be [illegible] help so far. We have not, however, sufficient money for the building, [illegible] of the [illegible] erected; there remains now [illegible] to be secured, and [illegible] do what we can to get it. It would however, for you to notify us whenever any [illegible] arise, so that, if small there may be out of the way [illegible] cannot be raised.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]

New York, June 24, 1904.

[illegible]

[illegible] Second District,

[illegible] 2. E. 4 [illegible],

Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:-

As the Secretary of the Women's [illegible] this morning I [illegible] from July 1st, [illegible] write and ask you if you [illegible] six months [illegible]

[illegible] to enter the office on July 5th, the salary to be [illegible] month. You will remember [illegible] the conversation in [illegible] office, and I am sure to come for six months on trial, the salary to be [illegible] increased [illegible].

[illegible] will enjoy your new work and that it will [illegible] strengthening of this very important branch of the [illegible] of the Women's Board, I am,

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) [illegible],

Secretary.

New York, June 28, 1906.

Dear Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. James A. Anderson,

Elkins, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

We were very glad to receive your [illegible]

and to learn the date of the organization of Synod's Woman's [illegible]

October 1906. Unfortunately, I shall [illegible] to be here [illegible]

and that each presbyterial society represented [illegible]

women within the bounds of their presbyteries will be appointed

by Synod as the Synodical Committee for Home Missions. These with

the presidents, secretaries, treasurers, secretaries of [illegible]

people and secretaries of literature, will constitute the members

of the Synodical Society.

In conference with the gentlemen of the Home Board, we

have planned to hold a large Home Mission meeting the night before

the opening of Synod, viz., the following day the ladies will

meet for the organization of the Synodical Society. We will send

out the call from here to the presbyterial secretaries so that

[illegible] will be arranged in the same plan. I am [illegible]

[illegible] this meeting we will do so, and be [illegible]

with [illegible] the organization of this Synodical Society [illegible]

[illegible] the president or [illegible]

Thank you for the information [illegible] will [illegible]

[illegible] that we are [illegible] around [illegible]

[illegible]

Mrs. Anderson, Pres.

from your treasury and notify all members of the Synodical committees, then to be in addition to others who will be ex-officio members of the Executive Board.

Anticipating the pleasure of meeting you at Parkersburg,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Brooklyn, June 21, 1904.

Mrs. A. D. Lefferts,

East Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Lefferts:-

In behalf of the Woman's Board I write to express to you and the other members of your Board of your sorrow. May God abundantly bless and comfort, for He has promised to be with those who are

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York July 6, 1904.

Mrs. Francis Henry,

Warren, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Henry:-

I write at the request of Mrs. James. You doubtless know something of the new Hospital that has just been completed by the Woman's Board at San Juan, Porto Rico. Dr. Atkins, the superintendent of the Hospital has resigned as she is about to be married, and Dr. Charles R. Gill of Poughkeepsie has been appointed her successor. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate in securing Dr. Gill for this work. His parents were Spanish, his mother being a direct descendant of the great Ponce-de-Leon. He speaks Spanish fluently, was a surgeon in the United States army during the Spanish-American war, is an elder in the Presbyterian church, and a devoted Christian; has a wife, and four children all under twelve years of age, the oldest child was received into the church the Sabbath before he started for San Juan. As Dr. Atkins was a single woman she resided in the Hospital, but now that Dr. Gill is to take charge it becomes necessary for us to erect a house for him. We have a lot well adapted for this and the house will cost about $2500. We have $650 toward this hence it becomes necessary for us to raise about $2000 more. Mrs. James knowing your great interest in the cause thought, perhaps, you might be willing to help toward this amount. The house ought to be begun very shortly as Dr. Gill would like to take his family to Porto Rico early in October, and a little time will be required in the erection of the building.

Hoping that you will feel that you can help in this good work, I am,

Very cordially yours, Edna A. Beale

Dictated. July 6, 1904.

Mrs. H. R. Vedder,

199 10th St.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Mrs. Vedder:-

Your letter at hand. I am so sorry that it will be impossible for me to accept your very cordial invitation to attend your Synodical meeting at Janesville, October 12th.

It is a very difficult thing to arrange the Synodical routes, because nearly all of the meetings occur between October 10th and October 26th, and in arranging routes the matter of travelling expenses must be taken into consideration as well as visiting the fields. I am to go to the mountain fields , accordingly must take the societies in that vicinity. Miss Petrie is to go to Utah, therefore she cannot go to Wisconsin, as Mrs. James is very anxious for her to visit the Utah fields. Miss Lincoln's route includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. We will try to plan for a teacher for you. Possibly Miss Hughes, formerly of Brigham City will be available for Wisconsin for your Synodical . She was at the annual meeting at Buffalo and we were charmed with her very lady like demeanor and able and clear presentation of the work.

Yes, I see the "Interior", and must confess to a feeling of indignation that Dr. Shaw holds the women of the church responsible for the secularization. I am afraid the religious side of the churches would die out almost entirely if it were not for the women who form the nucleus of the prayermeeting. Am sure Dr. Shaw needs

to be labored with for he utterly misunderstands the object of the missionary societies and some other women's societies whose sole object is to win souls for Christ.

To return to the subject of speaker. I saw Mrs. Finks yesterday, and asked her whether Mr. Finks would be available for Wisconsin in the Fall. She said she would talk with him about it and let me know. In fact I will ask him to write you whether he would be available for your Synodical and for additional dates in your state. Am sure his lectures would do a great deal of good.

I will refer that part of your letter in reference to the young women of Calvary Church to Miss Petrie and Mrs. Fairchilds will hear from her promptly. Let us know whether you would like to have Miss Hughes and whether you can arrange dates for her after the Synodical meeting, say for a month.

Very cordially yours,

Boo

Mr. Charles W. Hand, New York July 6, 1904.

156 Fifth Ave.,

N. Y. City.

My dear Mr. Hand:-

Your explanation of the letter is satisfactory, for I know that accidents will happen in the best regulated offices. Of course you know that the delay of an important letter often occasions great inconvenience and we thought it strange that your employees did not know where a letter addressed to me belonged. Give yourself no further concern in the matter as such an accident will probably not occur again.

Very sincerely yours,

(Enclosure).

Dictated. New York July 6, 1904.

Mrs. Charles Hodge,

401 West Price St.,

Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Hodge,

I presume you know that the business committee of "Over Sea and Land" have all resigned, and it becomes necessary for us to appoint new members who will represent the Home Board. At the conference yesterday I was asked to write you for information. Who have you to suggest who would be willing to serve? The name of Mrs. Bain has been given us, what would you think of our approaching her?

With love,

Dictated. New York July 6, 1904.

Mrs. T. M. Sinclair,

4030 Spruce st.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Sinclair:-

We are just in receipt of the letter sent out by the buisness committee of "Over Sea and Land" in which you all resign. We are very sorry for this because we certainly feel that you have done your best. At our conference yesterday, which was held before this communication was received we took it for granted that you had not resigned, for Mrs. White had notified us some time ago, and I am writing to ask if you will not continue to represent the Woman's Home Board. Our ladies all have such confidence in your judgment and they are perfectly willing to trust the interests of the Home Board in your hands. In the matter of the other member of the committee who was to represent the Home Board, in conference yesterday the name of Mrs. Bain was suggested. What would you think of our approaching her on the subject? Has she buisness methods and would she have time to devote to the work?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York July 7, 1904.

Mrs. Sarah Berry,

Quincy St.,

Parkersburg, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Berry:-

As three Presbyterial Home Missionary societies have been organized in W. Virginia and the Synod is to be constituted on the 18th of October, we here, are looking forward to the fact that a Synodical Home Missionary society for W. Virginia should be organized. We would be very glad if it could meet at the same time as Synod, and while it would mean additional entertainment, yet we are anxious for the work to be rightly started. The Synodical society is composed of three members of the Synodical committee from each Presbytery and the five Presbyterial officers. As there are but three Presbyteries in W. Virginia this would mean twenty-four delegates; others would doubtless come for the day meeting but would not probably remain over night. We would like very much to issue a call for the organization of the Synodical society on Wednesday, October 19th, the meeting to be called at ten o'clock in the morning for the adoption of the constitution and the election of officers. In the afternoon the public meeting could be held to which all would be invited, with short addresses by workers and the representative of the Woman's Board. I believe that this is the evening on which the Home Missionary Meeting for the Synod will be held. I can plan to be with you at that time myself and will be very glad to help in the way of organization.

It is possible that the women's meeting could be held in the lecture room of the church while the meeting of Synod is being held in the main room, or we might be able to secure a church near by.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience what you think about it, whether your society will undertake the matter of entertaining and will carry out the plan for the all day meeting. I rather think, Mrs. Bailey, Synodical president for Pennsylvania, will plan to meet with you and we will have one of the teachers from the W. Virginia field present also and make it a great day for the cause of the Woman's Home Missionary society.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York July 7, 1904.

Miss Mary Lewis Orth,

Box G. Bridgeville, Pa.

My dear Miss Orth:-

Your letter of July 4th at hand. The Woman's Board is obliged to be very careful in the inaugurating of new work, and also in the safeguarding of the work already established. Mr. Herndon's salary is paid through the Woman's Board, and as this is already provided for, any contributions you may send for his work must be devoted for his salary and not for additional things that he may want upon the field; If however, you guarantee the $200 which will be necessary for the support of the school this year and are willing to undertake to raise the money for the two succeeding years, it must be done from sources outside the Women's societies, otherwise it would only be a diversion of funds which are already pledged to the work. If we may have your regular pledge that you will raise the $200 this coming year, and a similar amount for two succeeding years if possible, and $50 of the amount is in hand by September 1st - though the pledge ought to be here much sooner than that - I think we can agree to open a small school among the Papagoes. Please excuse my being strenuous on the point that the money must be raised entirely as an extra.

The Woman's Board already has one hundred and eighty-six schools and mission stations, involving an expenditure of thousands of dollars each year. To be just to our work we must raise the money for these first, no matter how loud the call for schools in

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other places. And we must also see that the money pledged for the work already established, is not solicited for new work, even though we heartily believe in the new work.

I think you understand the situation and may God bless you and help you to decide just what you can do in the matter, and open the way for the inaugurating of this new work, if it can be carried on.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen G. Boole,

Dictated. New York July 7, 1904.

Mrs. S. A. Reeder,

665 Union St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs Reeder.-

We had a conference yesterday at which the resignation of all the members of the business committee of "Over Sea and Land" was presented. We are hoping that Mrs. Sinclair may reconsider her resignation, and the name of Mrs. Bain was suggested for the other member. In your opinion would she be fitted for the work, and would she have time to give to it? Anything you may say, will of course, be held in confidence.

Very cordially yours,

ctated. New York July 7, 1904.

rs. Darwin R. James,

226 Gates Ave.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. James:-

The enclosed letter Mrs. Finks found at her home when she returned from our conference Tuesday. There are three matters that we ought to consider; in the first place you will notice that Mrs. Sinclair resigns as well as Mrs. White; second , in all probability there will be a larger deficit this year than last; third, we are asked to have a representative upon the committee to select a new editor for "Over Sea and Land". Do you not think we ought to be represented? And in asmuchas Mrs. Finks knows so well the duties of the editor would she not be a good one to be upon that committee? In the event that they are not able to find who they want for editor among those who reside in Philadelphia, what would you think of Mrs Pingry for the position? The trouble with any young woman who is inexperienced would be that she would be an amateur, and she would not have the business enterprise that would enable her to push the work. While this letter was written July 15th, it did not reach Mrs. Finks until the afternoon of Tuesday.

It has been decided not to send Miss Potter back to Aguadilla, but to Nueva Paz, Cuba, to open up a new school. It did not seem, in the light of the condition at Aguadilla, that good would be accomplished by returning Miss Potter, and the extra salary will imply be transferred.

Yours with love,

Dictated. New York July 12, 1904.

Mrs. P. B. Comegys,

Witherspoon B'ldg.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Comegys:-

I am sorry not to have been able to reply to your circular communication in regard to "Over Sea and Land" before, but this is vacation time and it is difficult to get our ladies together. We all regret very much the resignation of the business committee on "Over Sea and Land" , and feel that the paper will be greatly hampered with a new editor and new business committee, though we must accept your judgment, and I hope before long we will be able to present the names of those who will represent the Home Board after the first of January. We have added the name of Miss Petrie to the committee which will represent the General committee of "Over Sea and Land", as we have but eight names and the Foreign Board nine.

I am asked to notify you that we have made no advances to anyone in the matter of becoming editor of the paper and as the paper is to be published in Philadelphia none of the names which we had considered would be available as it would mean a change of residence. We would, however, like to be represented upon the committee to select the editor, and suggest the name of Mrs. D. E. Finks, editor of the Home Mission Monthly, as a member of the committee. Mrs. Finks has been so successful in the editing of the Home Mission Monthly and the business management of it, that we feel that she

might be able to suggest many things that would be helpful. We will write each member of the committee from the Home Board, urging her to do all in her power to push "Over Sea and Land" and to secure subscriptions and interesting material for it. We were asked for suggestions in regard to the conduct of the paper, and while possibly these would mean more later than they do now, it was the judgement of the committee that we send along the following.

First, the Home Mission Monthly would have a very limited circulation were it not pushed by the editor, and if she did not feel some responsibility for the subscription list. Second, we suggest that the editor of the Home Mission Monthly if requested, tell to the committee, some of the things that have contributed to the success of our paper. Third, as soon as the editor is chosen you may depend upon us to co-operate with her in every way that we can, or with the committee, in making "Over Sea and Land" attractive and helpful to the young people of our church. The management of the paper will call for earnest prayer on the part of the Home and Foreign Boards. The paper is needed, but no paper can be published without considerable effort to increase its subscription list, and if there is a possibility that the deficit for the coming year is greater than it was last, soemthing must be done to lessen it, and we assure you that the Woman's Board standsready to do all in its power.

Again letme say that we regret that all the members of the business committee have resigned, but know that you will all continue to do all that you can for the success of the paper.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated.

New York July 13, 1904.

Mrs. W. P. White,

Oak Lane,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. White:-

As you doubtless know all the members of the business committee of "Over Sea and Land" have resigned as well as the editor. Their resignations to take place the first of January 1905. It has been decided that the paper is to remain in Philadelphiaand to be continued as in the past, a joint publication.

In the circular letter that has been sent out, we are not only notified of these resignations, but of the fact that possibly there will be a larger deficit in the running expenses this year than there has been in the past.

I am asked to write each member of the committee urging greater effort in the matter of pushing the subscription list and the gathering of items that may make the paper interesting and so meet the need of the children of our church. Possibly youare doing all you can, and yet if the paper is continued greater effort must be put forth to make it attractive and to secure a larger circulation. We should be glad for any suggestions from you as to what might be done to accomplish these ends. How far have you been consulted in the management of the paper in the past, and how far have you been asked to assist the editor in the preparation of material or the supplying of facts? Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Copy of letter sent to each member of the committee.

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Dictated. New York July 17 1904.

Miss Sarah L. Young,

Danville, Ky.

My dear Miss Young:-

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Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York July 13, 1904.

Mrs. W. S. Bartlett,

Los Angeles, Cali.

My dear Mrs. Bartlett:-

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Very cordially yours,

Ella F. Poole.

Dictated. New York July 13, 1904.

Miss Liska Stillman,

232 Linwood Ave.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Miss Stillman:-

Knowing your interest in the work of the Woman's Board, I am writing in reference to a very urgent call that comes to us at the present time.

You know about the new Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico and that Dr. Atkins has been the superintendent. She has just resigned because of her approaching marriage, and Dr. Charles R/ Gill of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. has been elected medical missionary and superintendent of the Hospital. Dr. Gill is an elder in the Presbyterian church, a devoted Christian, was a surgeon in the United States army during the Spanish-Amerian war, and has had practical experience in hospital work. He is of Spanish ancestry and speaks the language fluently, his mother having been a direct descendent of the great Ponce-de-Leon. We feel that God has been very gracious to us in sending such a man to take charge of our work there. However, he has a wife and four children all under twelve years of age, and it will be impossible for him to live in the Hospital as Dr . Atkins has done; accordingly we must erect a house for him. We have a lot on the Hospital grounds adjoining the new Presbyterian Manse which will be available, and the house will cost about $2500. We have $650 in hand and I am asking if you would be willing to help toward the amount required. There were treated in the Dispensary during the month of June 1094 patients, and the blessed work being done there cannot be over estimated. While the Doctors are ministering to the body they do not forget that their principal business is to minister to

the soul, and every case is but another opportunity to present Christ's gospel.

Hoping that you will feel that you can help in this new work that calls so loudly to the Woman's Board, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella F. Poole,

Dictated. New York july 13, 1904.

Mrs. William Durant,

Saratoga Springs, New York.

My dear Mrs. Durant:-

If I were going to Silver Bay I would be very much delighted to have Lois one of my party, but it is impossible for me to get away. This is vacation month and Miss Lincoln and Miss White are both away, while Miss Petrie will represent the Woman's Board at the meeting. This leaves me alone to look after the office force. I hope that you will be able to find some one else so that Lois will not be disappointed for I know she will thoroughly enjoy the meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Ella F. Poole,

Dictated. New Uork July 13, 1904.

Mrs. R. H. Allen,

Chatham, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Allen:-

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Very cordially yours,

Julia A. Boole.

Dictated. New York July 13, 1904.

Mrs. L. M. Myers,

Plainfield, N. J.

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Miss F. B. Coleman,

Lebanon, Pa.

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Mrs. Tracy McGregor,

239 Brush St.,

Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mrs. McGregor:-

I thought you would be interested in knowing that Miss Phillips was in a few days ago, and we find that she has on hand a car load of lumber which has been cut from the farm at Hot springs, which she can sell for about $700. This will give her the most of the money needed for the purchase of that farm that she wanted to buy, and leave enough lumber to erect an addition to the boys building, so that there is not now a demand for the additional money asked for, but there is still another loud call for help. I will tell you about it and if you care to assist us we will be very grateful.

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I will send you one of the leaflets in regard to the San Juan Hosptial that you may have some definite information in regard to it. I hope that you will not think me presuming in bringing this matter to your attention, but if you could see your way clear to help us we would be very grateful .

Very cordially yours,

(Enclosure).

Dictated/ New York July 13, 1904.

Mrs. T. M. Sinclair,

4030 Spruce st.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Copy of letter sent to each member of the committee.

Dictated. New York July 20, 1904,

Y. P. S. C. E. First Church,

Poughkeepsie, New York,

Dear Friends,

Knowing your interest in the Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, and feeling that interest is increased because Dr. Gill is now the medical missionary and superintendent of the Hospital, we are sending you this appeal hoping that you will feel constrained to help as you have several times in the past.

Dr. Atkins who was the former superintendent of the Hospital as you know was unmarried so she could reside in the Hospital but as Dr. Gill is very anxious to take his family to San Juan and as no house is available it becomes necessary that we erect at once a suitable home. There is a lot on the Hospital grounds adjoining the new Presbyterian Manse and which is well adapted for this purpose, but the house will cost $2500, and as Dr. Gill would like to take his family to Porto Rico this Fall the house ought to be ready for them when they arrive, and it is necessary that the funds be gathered at once. Could you do something to help, for the home is an absolute necessity and it is the policy of the Woman's Board not to begin building until the funds are in hand.

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Very cordially yours, Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York July 14, 1904.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Home Industrial,

Asheville, N. Car.

My dear Miss Stephenson:-

It is planned for me to visit the mountain field this Fall; and it looks now as if I would be able to get away from here the third week in September.

In asmuch as I have never been down in that region I am a little bit at sea about planning my route, but it looks as if it would be better for me to go directly from New York to Concord, then to Asheville, from there to Marshall, then to Allanstand, then through on the railroad stopping at Hot Springs and Paint Rock to Knoxville.

I shall not have a great deal of time at my disposal, and would rather visit a few schools and get in touch with them than to visit the many. When will your school open? I should count it a great privilege if I could be there when you are receiving your pupils for the new year, and will plan it so if your dates are not too late for me.

As I have the trip rather sketched in my mind I can probably reach Asheville on Saturday the 24th, remain there over Sunday, and possibly on Monday. Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated. I shall count it a privilege to see our workers on the field, and the environment in which they prosecute their work.

With very pleasant remembrances of our meeting at Buffalo, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, July 20, 1904.

Mrs. James M. Ham,

278 St. James Place,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Ham:-

Knowing your interest in the work of the Woman's Board I want to call your attention to a very earnest call that is pressing us at the present time, and should you not feel that you could help, perhaps your husband might do so.

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Trusting that you will not think we are imposing upon you in presenting this appeal, I am,

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Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York July 20, 1904.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

400 William St.,

E. Orange N. J.

My dear Mrs. Finks:-

At last I have succeeded in getting the women assigned to the various committees, and enclose you a list. The superintendent for the school at Alaska has not been elected though we had expected that Mr. Beeler would be the one. Dr. McAfee will see him on his way to Alaska and have a conference with him and Mr. Stevens. What is the latest date at which we can let you know the name of the new superintendent? The same is true of the one at Anadarko; we may not be able to say for a few days who will be appointed. Dr. McAfee starts tomorrow and as Miss Petrie will be at Silver Bay next week that will leave me alone in charge of the office.

I presume you are planning to go away very soon, hope you will have a restful summer. A letter from Miss Moore says she is not feeling very well and she expects to go to the Catskills for the month of August.

I enclose also copies of this letter of Dr. Broadhead and the one of Miss Dabb's telling of her experience at Jewett. The story is indeed thrilling, but if published would need a good deal of editing. Could you use all or part of it. If not will you kindly return it to me? You know Dr. Stannard who was stationed at Jewett was obliged to go home and as Mrs. Broadhead was not well Miss Dabb took charge of the case, she certainly is a wonderful woman.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Ewer.

Dictated. New York July 20, 1904.

Rev. W. P. Swartz D. D.,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Swartz:-

Will you kindly present this appeal for the home for Dr. Gill to the Y. P. S. C. E. society in your church? They have so many times shown their interest in the work at the Hospital, and must feel a double interest now that Dr. Gill is there, so that we thought they might like to help in the erection of the home.

Very cordially yours,

Edward A. Boole,

Dictated. New York July 15, 1904.

Mrs. J. V. Milligan,

449 - 10th St.,

Portland, Oregon.

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E. C. A. Boyce.

Dictated.

New York July 16, 1904.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,

Clifton Springs, N. YL

My dear Mrs. Palmer:-

Your letters at hand. We are having some blanks prepared that will, we think, be very helpful in preparing the reports of your meetings/ One will cover your expense account, and can be sent to the treasurer, the other covers the report of your meetings and will come to Miss White, this she can preserve each month as she gives the report in the meeting. Of course it will not be necessary for you to write two letters in connection with them, for if they come to the office they will be delivered to the proper person.

I am always glad for information in regard to the condition of societies and will do all in my power to help them. I have written Mrs. Boyle of Aberdeen, Md. and suggested that they take one share ($10) in Miss Goodrich's work, and a half scholarship at Hralan, Ky. Harlan is to be enlarged this year so they can accomodate more girls, and the fact that Rev. Joseph P. Malone's book "Sons of Vengence" is a true story of thelife at Harlan, will increase the interest in the school. I hope it will appeal to them and it will be a good thing for them to have an interest in two special fields. I will see that they get the literature; will also see that you get a copy of the last report of the Board. I think you will have received the copies of Summer Offering by this time as they were mailed several days ago. I am glad you are having a good rest and trust it will give you renewed strength for your Fall work. These are busy days with us, but I am glad the rest can have their vacation, and our turn will come next month.

Yours with love,

Dictated. New York July 18, 1904.

Mrs. Loomis Burrell,

Little Falls, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Burrell:-

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Danville, Ill.

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1147 Clark St.,

Chicago, Ill.

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Englewood, N. J.

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Miss A. C. Pryer,

New Rochelle, N. Y.

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Miss Cora Young,

12 Lansing St.,

Auburn, N. Y.

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Mrs. H. C. Olin,

63 Chestnut St.,

E. Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Olin:-

I write at the request of Mrs. James to say that she has placed Mrs. John Reed, 863 President St., Brooklyn and Mrs. T. S. Carter Jr., 781 Park Ave., City upon the committee for Cuba and Porto Rico. We hope that in the Fall you can give them something to do in the way of correspondence with the schools. I think Mrs. Carter is already interested in one or two of the schools in Porto Rico.

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Mrs. N. P. Wheeler,

Endeavor, Pa.

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Mr. A. J. Rolston,

416 Montgomery St.,

San Francisco, Cali.

My dear Mr. Rolston:-

Thank you verymuch for the copy of Miss Fraser's letter telling of her visit to the camp meeting at Meadow Creek. It is certainly interesting and we are greatly obliged to you for furnishing us with the facts so promptly.

You possibly did not know that Mrs. Pingry retired from office nearly nine months ago and her mail comes to me as the present corresponding secretary. I am forwarding the letter to Mrs. James.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole,

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Mrs. S. P. Harbison,

Brighton Road,

Allegheny, Pa.

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1729 G. St., N. W.

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Emma Poole,

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Miss Lydia A. Hays,

Training School,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Miss Hays:-

Your nice long letter just at hand. Yes, Miss Petrie and I are keeping house as the others are away on vacation, and I am afraid we will not be sorry when the month is over and it becomes our turn.

Dr. McAfee starts tomorrow on his trip to Alaska, and while he will probably be a week or two on the way unless something happens you may expect him soon. It is his plan to stay several weeks and I know he will be a great help to all. He is one of the kindest men that ever lived and thoroughly interested in the wellfare of the school.

I was greatly interested in your report of the matter of vacations and in fact, am interested in everything concerning the school . Last week I had to prepare some copy for the"Observer" and "Herald amd Presbyter" so took all the reports that were sent in for the last quarter and combined them in a little articleon the Sitka school. These will be published in a few weeks. Probably you see the papers if I thought you did not I would see that a copy was sent you.

I hope sometime to have the opportunity to visit the Sitka school, but probably that opportunity is several years away. The new superintendent has not yet been selected, but we hope that he may be with in a few weeks.

You will be interested to know that Miss Petrie expects to spend her vacation in Scotland, and we are all trusting that she will not only enjoy it, but that it will mean a perfect change and rest.

Hays --Z--,

We are so glad that you are planning to remain at Sitka and are praying that your health will improve so that you can stay. It would seriously hamper the new superintendent if there were many changes , and you can be of great service to him.

We shall all be greatly interested in what Dr. McAfee has to say on his return, and pray that you all may be given wisdom for the changes that are to come.

Very sincerely yours,

Eulalia, Boole,

Dictated. New York July 20, 1904.

Mrs. B. B. Thomson,

Crawfordsville, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Thomson:-

I have handed your letter with the offer of clothing to Miss Taft, who looks after that part of the work, and you have doubtless heard from her before this, and I trust she will be able to find just the place for you to send the clothing.

Yes, we were very busy all the time during the Buffalo meeting, but it was certainly a very enjoyable one, and I was very glad of having the opportunity of meeting so many of our workers. It is part of the plan of the Fall work that I am to go to Indiana Synodical at Winona Lake on October 11th and I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you there.

These are busy days here at the office and just now we are trying to raise money to build a home for the new superintendent of the Hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. Dr. Atkins who was the former superintendent is about to be married and has resigned and Dr. Gill of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. is her successor. He is a devoted Christian, a graduate of Princeton, an elder in the Presbyterian church, was a surgeon in the United States army during the Spanish-American war, and has given up a lucrative practice in order that he may go to this work. He is of Spanish ancestry, his mother being a direct descendent of the great Ponce-de-Leon.

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Perhaps you know of some one who would be willing to make a donation for this work, of course, not in such a way that it would interfere with the regular pledged work of the Woman's Board, or if you could send me the names of any persons to whom I could write I would be very glad.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York July 22, 1904.

Dr. Charles R. Gill,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Dr. Gill:-

Your letter to Miss Lincoln at hand, and as she is away on her vacation I will reply to it. In the first place in regard to the matter of the money for the running expenses of the Hospital, I think Mr. Olin has written you fully as to what is necessary to be done at your end of the line in order to secure your regular remittances.

In the matter of a home for the resident physician we are doing the very best we can. We had expected that the $650 which had been obtained from the Hurricane Fund could be appropriated for this building, but Miss Burns called the other day and said that Dr. Atkins pledged herself that this money would be used for building roads and making outside improvements on the place; as this is the first we have heard of this, although our propositions have been sent to Dr. Atkins, we would be glad to be advised.

You speak of $3000 as necessary to build the home, but Dr. McLaine's cost only $2310 and I hardly think the Woman's Board would think they could expend more than $2500 in the erection of such a home. We will be glad to have you forward estimates at once. We are endeavoring to raise the money, but it is not the policy of the Woma's Board to erect any building until the money is at hand. In this case we must solicit from private individuals and as so many are away on their vacations it means a good deal of delay. I have secured subscriptions amounting to $410 and if the $650 is available that means $1060 is on hand. A good many other personal appeals have been given

out, and we are hoping for receipts from these during the next week. We will keep you informed as to how the money comes in and I can assure you that we are doing our best to secure the entire amount. We appreciate the need and were it not that it had been our experience that it is impossible to raise money for a building after it is erected, would be glad to authorize you to go ahead at once, but this the Woman's Board cannot do.

If you know of any persons to whom we might appeal for funds let us know, and we will be very glad to present the case. Trusting that you are enjoying your new work and praying God's richest blessing on it, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Ellen F. Beale.

Dictated. New York July 18, 1904.

Mrs. Mary E. Diefendorf,

Glassboro, N. J.

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Mrs. C. L Bailey,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs.Bailey,

Referring to your request that Iattendyour Synodical meeting at Titusville, October 26th I write to know whether you would like to have me there both days, and whether I will be needed on the evening of October 27th? I understand that Mr. Baer is to be there and presume that he is to give the address, let me know however and I am at your service.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York July 23, 1904.

Mrs. Joseph W. Sharpe,

108 N. 2nd St.,

Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Sharpe:-

Miss White is away on her vacation, and some of the details of speakers for Presbyterial meetings in the Fall have been deferred until her return, which will be August 1st.

I am afraid it will not be possible for Mr. Baer to attend your Presbyterial meeting; he is also away on his vacation, but will be back August 1st when the matter will be presented to him. I am sorry to keep you waiting all this time, but it is impossible to definitely fix Presbyterial meetings for a week or so yet as we have been getting our Synodical dates ready and when they are fixed can plan for Presbyterial. Sorry to have missed you in the office.

In the event that Mr. Baer cannot come I think there is little doubt but what Dr. McAfee will have returned from his trip to Alaska, on which he started two or three days ago, and he will have many things of interest to tell of the work in that far off land. Would you like to have him for your evening address?

It is probable that Miss Johns of the Home Industrial School will be called north to address Presbyterial meetings during October and it is possible that she may be available. They tell me she is a very fine woman and can present the work on the mountain field with great power. We had not forgotten your request for speakers, and will call Miss White's attention to it as soon as she returns.

With many pleasant memories of your Presbyterial meeting last Fall, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated.

New York, July 23rd, 1904.

Mrs. J. A. Anderson,

Deverley, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. Anderson,-

Your letter is at hand. I am sure that you must have misunderstood the situation on that Tuesday morning for there was not the slightest thought on the part of any of our ladies that you were intruding. We always welcome workers from a distance. The conference that morning was on the work of the "Over Sea and Land" and not interesting as the work of the Board, and no one felt that you were not welcome. A change was made at the General Assembly in the matter of the vicepresidents ; the Synodical president being one and one being allowed for every one hundred and fifty auxiliary societies. This meant some changes in the list, and as the recommendation came from Synodical officers we had nothing whatever to do with it.

I hope that you will no longer cherish the thought that you are not entirely welcome, and that whenever you are in New York you will plan to visit us.

I expect to visit the southern field in the fall, but do not think that I shall be able to get to your Synodical meeting as it occurs on the same date as the organization of the new Synodical society in West Virginia.

With kindest regards and praying that God will bless you in all of your efforts for his work, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Ella F. Poole.

Dictated.

New York July 25, 1904.

Mrs. Francis Henry,

Warren, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Henry:-

Thank you very much for your check for $100 to be applied for the Deaconess Home at San Juan, Porto Rico. We are hoping soon to have the entire amount and every contribution helps.

I do not wonder that you inquired why Cuba is Home Missionary, when Cuba is an independent country. But by an arrangement with the Foreign Board, they take the Philippine Islands, which would really be Home missionary territory, and we take Cuba, which would be Foreign territory. The reason of this is that we can more easily reach Cuba, and they can more easily reach the Philippines.

Thank you very much for your contribution, and for your interest in the work being done by the Woman's Board.

Very cordially yours,

W. Virginia Synodical Society.

A meeting for the organization of the W. Virginia Synodical Home Missionary society will be held in the First Presbyterian church of Parkersburg, W. Va. on Wednesday, October 19th at ten A. M.

The Synodical society is composed of the Synodical committees which are made up of three members from each of the Presbyteries of Parkersburgm Wheeling and Grafton, and the Presbyterial officers, President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Young People's Secretary and Secretary of Literature, from each of these Presbyteries.

The morning session will be for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as will naturally come before a newly organized body. The afternoon session will convene at two o'clock and all are invited. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to attend this first meeting of the Synodical Home Missionary society of W. Virginia, in connection with the first meeting of Synod. Addresses will be made by Miss Jackson of Juniata Valley, and Mrs. Boole, the corresponding secretary of the Woman's Board of the Presbyterian church. -- Let us unite our prayers that God may make these meetings redound to His honor and glory, and to the advancement of the cause of Home Missions.

Mrs. Sarah Berry, 528 Avery Extension, Parkersburg, W. V., the president of the society of the First church, and delegates are asked to bring with them their contributions.

The following copy of a letter that has been sent to all the Synodical committees and the Presbyterial officers.

Dictated.

New York, September 10, 1904.

Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D.,

Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Duncan:-

I have been spending a good deal of thought on how best to plan my trip among the mountains. Have looked up time cards until it seems to me I know the country pretty well, and it seems to me now that the best plan would be for me to go direct to Erwin from New York. I expect now to leave New York on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7.20 P. M., due at Johnson City at 10.40 the next morning. I find that I can get a train at two o'clock for Erwin, due there about three o'clock, and then can go out to Flag Pond on Friday and remain there until Monday morning, coming back to Erwin in time to catch a train that will take me as far as Johnson City that night. The next morning I find I can make such connections that I can reach Newport, en route for Juniper, at 11.42, and go out there that night, coming back the next morning and making my way to Marshall or Asheville, as it may seem best.

Of course, it would be very pleasant if you could plan to visit these points at the same time, but if not possible, I am sure the teachers at Erwin will arrange to see that I get to Flag Pond all right. Then, after the Ohio Synodical, which meets at Cincinnati on October 12th, I think it would be possible for me to

(Dr. Duncan, Ala.)

visit Huntsville, Grub Creek and Grassy Cove, as I will have

from the 13th until the evening of the 17th.

I will remain in the Asheville field, visiting Murphy

and Allenstand, from September 28th until October 8th. This will

give me a fine opportunity to see this work, and I am sure I shall

be better able to present the work to societies after having visited

so many schools.

Thank you very much for your suggestions. They have

been a great help, and I am sorry to have been obliged to bother

you so much.

Very cordially yours,

New York, Feb. 2nd, 1922.

Dictated.

Mrs. V. P. Bogen,

104 Sixth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Bogen:-

The enclosed is intended for you.

I hope you will send us the list of Freedmen's teachers

at once, as the Calendar is waiting on them. Miss Ward telegraphed

you a few days ago in regard to the list.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, November 3, 1904.

Miss Gertrude M. Simmons,

Hewitt, Tenn.

Dear Miss Simmons:-

At last I am at home from my long journeyings through the mountain field, and while it was a hard trip, I can not express to you how much pleasure I found in it and the opportunity to become personally acquainted with the workers upon the field.

I have read your report and am wondering if the "right of way" has been closed up entirely, and whether the school has diminished in size on that account. It seems so wicked a thing for a man to do for petty spite, or any other reason, to prevent the children crossing the field, especially as we were willing to purchase such "right of way," that it is one of the things that it is hard to understand.

You will be interested to know that in my journeyings I rode eight-eight miles on horseback, and traveled one hundred seventy-three miles across the country, and up to my last trip, I could say of nearly every road that this is no worse than the one to Flag Pond, yet when I went to Harlan I had to confess that that road was a little worse than any of the rest. The trip agreed with me, however, and I know I have gained much information that will be of untold value in presenting the work to societies and in gathering funds. I have kept in mind the things you wanted, and hope we may be able to supply some of them.

I remember what you said about asking Mr. Dwight's son to continue the contribution for your salary, and am glad to be able to say that he will give one-third of it and his sister a third, and we are looking round now for some other relative who will contribute the other third.

With very kind regards to Miss Wintzer and Miss Gates, and very pleasant memories of my visit to Erwin, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 3, 1904.

Mrs. A. W. Dickson,

816 Quincy St., Scranton, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Dickson:-

I have just returned from my long trip and have Scranton on my engagement book for November 16th. It is probable that I will leave New York on the ten o'clock train (Delaware, Lackawanna & Western), which is due in Scranton about 1 P. M., and it will afford me a great deal of pleasure to be your guest during my stay.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 3, 1904.

Mrs. T. R. Donnelly,

Flag Pond, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Donnelly:-

At last I am home from my long trip, having visited in all twenty-two schools and mission stations. The trip was a hard one from beginning to end, and you will be interested to know that I rode sixty-eight miles on horseback and one hundred seventy-three miles across country. The roads, all through the trip, I kept saying are no worse than the one to Flag Pond but when I went to Harlan I had to acknowledge that that was a little the worst. For all that the trip was a hard one, I thoroughly enjoyed it, and am sure that I gained a great deal of information that will be helpful in the office work.

I have not forgotten the plea for the minister for Flag Pond, and have already spoken of it in several places and hope to write something of the need for the Assembly Herald for next month.

I so much enjoyed my stay at Flag Pond and becoming acquainted with you, Miss Mae, Miss White and Auntie, and I do not forget the boys and the other friends I met.

I know that Miss Moore sent a report, but the matter of taking that school under our charge would probably have to be deferred until next year.

With kind regards to all your household, and very pleasant memories of my sojourn with you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 3, 1904.

Rev. Thomas Lawrence, D. D.,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Lawrence:-

At last I am home from my long trip through the mountain field, having visited twenty-two schools in all. The whole trip was a delight, and I am sure that the knowledge gained will be of great service to me in understanding the work and in being able to present it to societies in such a way as to get funds.

I was delighted with the Normal and Collegiate Institute, and with everything in its management. I do not know of anything gained from the trip that would give me more capital in presenting the work to societies than to contrast the rude public schools I visited, where native teachers only employed, and the one public school, on the way to Marshall, where one of the young ladies who was graduated that year from the Normal was teaching. The contrast touches all our people in a way that nothing else could, and the good done by the Normal can only be estimated, because it is constantly being demonstrated through the results of these young women who go out to teach and to make better homes by what they have learned in school.

I was so glad to meet your corps of teachers and pupils, and hopefully see how they could be improving upon; they would be a credit to any institution of learning, no matter where located.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Lawrence and all the faculty, and thanking you for all your kindness to me, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, November 4, 1906.

Miss Martha Van Marter,

150 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Miss Van Marter:-

While I spoke to you in regard to the program for the Day of Humiliation and Prayer the other day, still that you may have it in writing, I write to say that at our meeting on Tuesday the recommendation of your society, that the name be changed to Day of Prayer without in any way changing the character of the program or the subject of prayer, was endorsed by our Board, and I am sending this same information to Miss M. C. Burnett, Hull Indiana Ave., Chicago., Ill., which society is to prepare the program this year.

Very sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 4, 1904.

Mrs. Mary C. Hickman,

3319 Morningside Ave.,

Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Hickman:-

Your letter addressed to Mrs. James, containing the request that the name of the Day of Humiliation and Prayer be changed so that it will be only Day of Prayer, was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday of this week, and the recommendation of the Methodist Home Missionary Society was endorsed.

Miss M. G. Burdette, 3411 Indiana Ave., Chicago., Ills., is to prepare the program for this year, and I am sending to her the notice of this recommendation, and also reminding her of the fact that it is their turn to prepare the program.

We would be sorry if this change of name would make any change in the character of the day, because we believe it has meant a blessing to our work and that the women should gather for this purpose, but we feel sure that it need not, and if we can secure a wider observation of the day we shall be glad to do so.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 5, 1904.

Mrs. C. F. Johnson,

72 Mt. Hope Ave.,

Dover, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:-

Your letter, addressed to the Home Board, has been referred to me. On general principles we are opposed to chain letters and do not believe they ought to be countenanced or continued, no matter how worthy the object is for which the money is being collected. We can find no record on our books, or in the Assembly's books in regard to the church mentioned. Therefore, if you desire to continue the chain we can not help you out with any information on the subject.

When there are so many really worthy cases needing aid, and so many churches who ought to be helped, it seems a pity to run the risk of giving even small sums to any object of which there may be a doubt.

Very cordially yours,

Ellsat Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 5, 1904.

Mrs. W. W. Smith,

38 South Hamilton St.,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Smith:-

I am just home from a long trip through the mountain field and find your letter. It was not until long after the copy was prepared for the September edition of the Home Mission Monthly that we learned that you and Mr. Smith had been so kind as to make a large donation for the home of the physician at San Juan, Porto Rico. It was so good of you, and we appreciate all your kindness.

And now about your representative in the mountains:- One of the pleasant visits of my trip was made to Little Pine, N. C., about seven miles from Marshall, where Rev. Hugh McCarroll, the minister chosen as your representative is stationed. His wife was formerly a teacher in the Home Industrial School in Asheville, N.C. Mr. McCarroll is a good man, thoroughly interested in the work, and you need not have any fear but what he is all right on the tobacco question, and while he came to us from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, where neither minister nor members vote, yet as he comes from another State and must reside in North Carolina two years before he can vote, I feel sure that we can so instruct him that he will become a Party Prohibitionist; his sympathies are all that way now. They have one boy, a dear little fellow of about two years of age.

Mr. McCarroll also preaches at Big Pine, some ten miles away, and at one or two other stations, the names of which I do not now recall. While not a brilliant man, he is thoroughly good, well educated, and will give himself unreservedly to the prosecution of the work. He has been on the field a little over two months now, but they were so careful in the matter of securing some one who would be just what was wanted, that he came a month on trial. I think his former charge was in Wisconsin.

The field is a hard one. The ride from Little Pine, where he lives, and where a new manse has just been erected, up to Big Pine, is one of the hardest roads I found. We made it on horseback, over Big Pine Mountain. At Big Pine we have a school with a single teacher, Miss Darby. There had been no public school in that community for twelve years before our school was started, a little more than a year ago, so you can imagine the ignorance of the people, and the great need for spiritual teaching. I think Mr. McCarroll goes over there every two weeks to preach.

We had a meeting there on the Monday night I visited Big Pine, and I used my little chart with the ribbons, which, perhaps, you remember having seen, to show the expenditures for various things, among them liquor and tobacco, and presume there was not a single person in my audience, except the teachers, who did not use tobacco. It is a grand field for missionary effort! Whiskey is the curse of the mountain field, and no minister can do good work who will not make a determined effort to try to win the people away from drinking it. Mr. McCarroll can be depended upon to preach the pure Gospel, and is a faithful servant of God.

I would have written you from the field but I visited in all twenty-two schools in the five weeks I was away, attended five synodical meetings, rode sixty-eight miles on horseback, and one hundred seventy-three miles across country, making forty addresses in all during the trip, so you can imagine there was little time for letter writing.

I would truly love to come up to Poughkeepsie some time and present the work of the Woman's Board, and perhaps you can open the way; could go for an afternoon meeting, if that was preferred, but, of course, would have to arrange it somewhat in advance, as I have many engagements ahead of me to speak.

There is no more interesting field in all the country than the mountain field, and I can assure you there is no place where there is greater need of the Gospel than right in the vicinity of Little Pine. Oh, the people are so hungry for religious teaching, and they need the right kind of teaching, for their preachers are so ignorant and know so little of the Bible, and their lives do not conform to what we believe the life of a minister ought to be.

I am so glad to be able to report to you at last that the man is on the field, and I know it will be a pleasure for you to know that you have your own representative. I am sure Mr. McCarroll will be glad to hear from you and to give you any information in regard to the work there.

With love to Mr. Smith and yourself, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 5, 1904.

Mrs. W. E. Allen,

Elm Grove, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

I am sorry that there has been a little delay in replying to your letter, but I have not been able to catch up with the accumulated work on my desk since my return from the mountain field, and the matter of giving you new pledges for the Wheeling Presbyterial Society needed a little consideration on the part of the office.

We note that the contributions from your presbyterial society last year were about $600, and, accordingly, we suggest that you assume the support of the teacher at Jarales, New Mexico, Miss Mary M. Russell. Miss Russell is the sister-in-law of Rev. Thomas W. Smith (36 Hamilton Terrace, New York City), who is the pastor of the Lenox Presbyterian Church in this city. Miss Petrie saw her a few weeks ago in New Mexico, and reports that she is a thoroughly consecrated woman, and an efficient worker, and she believes that your correspondence with her will be of great assistance in raising funds for her salary, which is $450 per year.

We also suggest that you assume the support of a bed in the San Juan hospital, Porto Rico, which is $120 per year, and that the additional contribution be passed, this year, into the General Fund, but that next year you give it to your special synodical object. I hope these suggestions will be satisfactory to your presbyterial society, and we shall be glad to hear from you in reference to the matter.

I greatly enjoyed meeting with the ladies of the new Synod of West Birginia, and feel that now that you are a new synod by yourselves, while involving new responsibilities, will help the women throughout the synod, and that they will feel more responsibility in gathering funds and that every woman will bear her share of the load.

I was so glad, also, to meet all the presbyterial presidents, because it makes me so much more intelligent in dealing with conditions to know the workers who are withing the bounds of a Synod.

You ask in regard to a speaker for your annual meeting but do not state when the meeting will be held. When you decide upon the date, write us here and we will see what speakers are available. It is really too long a journey to go from New York to West Virginia for a single presbyterial meeting, but if the three presbyterial meetings could be held, say two one week and one the next, without doubt we could provide you with a speaker.

You ask me, also, to explain what I mean by the twenty per cent. advance. You know the work grows each year, and that means additional expense to the Woman's Board, so that when we ask a society to increase its gifts twenty per cent., we are simply providing for the growth of the work and such new work as we are compelled to take up. We do expect every society to give as much this year as they gave last. We urge the twenty per cent. advance, but that does not become obligatory beyond the point that knowing the need, every woman ought to feel the responsibility to meet it. The funds of the Woman's Board are lower now than they have been in five years, and we feel that unless our women come quickly to our help - and we believe they will - we will close the year with a debt.

(Mrs. Allen, #2)

I presume the Presidential election has something to do with it, nevertheless it is hard on our teachers to have to wait for their money when many times it is lying in the banks to the credit of our presbyterial treasurers.

Praying God's richest blessing upon you in your work, and with kind regards to your husband, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 5, 1904.

The Columbus Piano Co.,

Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter to Miss Lincoln has been handed to me for reply. Miss Edith Flagler is a regularly commissioned teacher under the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and would not be so commissioned if she were not a thoroughly reliable woman, and we do not believe she would enter into any contract without the expectation of fulfilling it to the minutest detail.

Yours truly,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, November 5, 1904.

Mrs. E. N. Barrett,

Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Barrett:-

Your letter, telling of the honor conferred upon you by the ladies of Iowa Synodical in having a room named for you in the "Mary E. James' School for Mexican boys," is received, and we are greatly pleased to learn of this token of their love for you and their desire to help in furnishing the building. We think $100 would be sufficient to furnish one of the rooms, which will probably contain three beds and accommodate six boys, but as you say the ladies have already raised $114. should the amount reach $150, we might be able to furnish the office or parlor and have it named in your honor, so we will leave the matter of deciding which room until we hear how much has been raised. The ladies are all greatly pleased at this desire to help, and will be glad to have the room named for you.

I am glad to hear that you had a good synodical meeting and are nicely started on the work of the year.

I have just returned from a long trip through the mountain field, visiting in all twenty-two schools and mission stations. The trip was a wearisome one, but I thoroughly enjoyed it and feel that the knowledge there gained will be of great benefit in the office.

Our workers are gathering home one by one and we will soon be settled down to regular routine work again. Miss White has

recovered and is back in the office, though not quite so strong as before.

I presume it is on account of the Presidential election that funds are slow in coming in this year, for not for a number of years have we been so much in debt at this time of the year as now. Let us pray that funds for the treasury may be forthcoming, though it is possible sufficient funds are in the bank, credited to presbyterial treasurers, which, if passed over, would free us from this burden of indebtedness. Let us pray that the women may realize their responsibility and that funds may be forthcoming to carry on the work laid upon us by General Assembly.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, November 5, 1904.

Mrs. D. M. Cooper,
1015 Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Cooper:-

Thank you very much for the beautiful program of your anniversary meeting. It is one of the prettiest that has come to our desks, and we congratulate you upon it.

I saw Miss Hughes at Winona and she told me what a good meeting you had.

Trusting that this may be a good year in your work, and with kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 5, 1904.

Mrs. J. T. Lapsley,

Maple St., Danville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Lapsley:-

At last I am at home from my long journey through the mountain field and while wearied in body, I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the trip. I visited in all twenty-two schools, attended five synodical meetings, and made forty addresses, so that surely the time was well occupied.

I wish you might have been with us at Harlan. Mrs. Mitchell seemed to thoroughly enjoy the trip, but fear, as you are afraid of horses, that you would have jumped off many times, as words can scarcely describe the roads from Hagen's to Harlan. I think we were out of the wagon a half a dozen times going over there, but the trip back seemed harder to me than any I took - perhaps I was tired and that accounted for it.

I greatly enjoyed my visit at Danville, and it was so kind of you to invite the ladies to meet me socially. One feels so much better acquainted with people when they have broken bread with them, and I shall always remember my visit with you with a great deal of pleasure.

The work progresses here at the office, though the funds are slow in coming in this year. I presume the Presidential election has something to do with it, nevertheless it is hard for

our teachers to have to wait for their money when many times it is lying in the bank to the credit of our presbyterial treasurers.

Remember me very kindly to your mother, to the young ladies and to Dr. Lapsley.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 5, 1905.

Mrs. Sarah L. Paddock,

64 East Park St., East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Paddock:-

Your letter at hand. I will place the meeting at East Orange on my book for December 29th.

It would not be easy for me to get away from the office for the eleven o'clock train but I can come at 12.10, due at Brick Church at 12.52, and will be very glad to take lunch with you. Should anything develop to prevent my coming until a later train, I will let you know as the time approaches.

I have handed your letter to Miss Rue, who will attend to your order.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

likely to be taken under the care of the Board than if it meant the opening of a new school. Do you know any of the ladies at Johnson City? It was that presbytery that supported the Rice Creek field, and we should want them to transfer their support to Rocky Fork.

With kind regards to the people with whom you are living, and best wishes for the prosperity of your work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. 2 New York, November 9, 1904.

Miss Jennie Alverson,

Halls Peak, New Mexico.

Dear Miss Alverson:-

Without doubt you know that we have a little prayer meeting here at the office at 12.45 each day, at which the office assistants unite in prayer for God's blessing upon the work and workers. We also take up each day the names on the Prayer Calendar list, corrected, of course, to date, and ask God's blessing upon those whose names are mentioned. We thought it might interest you to know that at the meeting to-day you were mentioned to-day and especial prayer offered for a blessing upon you and your school.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 10, 1904.

Miss Emma Louise Bogert,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Miss Bogert:-

I am just home from my long trip through the mountain field and find your letter awaiting me. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to know that I am not an entire stranger to you. I have now been in the office more than a year and am getting to feel quite at home in the work, though still have much to learn.

I hope some time to be able to come to Porto Rico and see the hospital about which we read so much. I have greatly enjoyed your letter, and think I will take the liberty of using some portion of it in one of my communications to the papers. We are always glad to hear from the workers on the field, in addition to their formal reports, and as the reports come in another department, naturally they are of a little different nature from a personal letter.

I can assure you that we are all greatly interested in every part of the field and in all our workers, and for my part I wish I knew each one personally. I so thoroughly enjoyed my trip through the mountain field and seeing the workers in their special fields, and know that the knowledge gained thereby will be of untold value to me here in the office.

I presume Dr. Atkins-Holmes is back, and although you do not have her in the hospital yet you will see her occasionally and feel that you have a place in the town where you can visit.

If you always write as good letters as this one is, I shall be glad to hear from you often, and anything you can tell us about the work will be greatly appreciated here at the office.

With kind regards to the other workers, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 10, 1904.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

Before you receive this letter Miss Johns will probably have told you about the suggestion in regard to Miss Irwin. She conferred with Dr. McAfee, so we are doing nothing in the matter of securing a teacher to take Miss Jacobs' place. Will you write us what you think of Miss Irwin and whether she would be good for another position, the kind of place for which she is suited, and whether it would be advisable to take her into our work if she makes application.

I, too, am sorry I could not see more of you at Asheville, but assure you that the next time I visit the South I shall go to the Home Industrial School first and then I can see more of you

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 10, 1904.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,

1413 Larkin St.,

San Francisco, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

I found your two letters on my return from my long trip to the mountain field, and we are very glad to have the information contained therein.

The matter of extending the commission of Miss Fraser for a year will be considered at the next meeting of the Woman's Board. We had no meeting this week on account of the Election. We were greatly interested in her report, and believe that she will do great good.

In the matter of her staying several days at a place would say that if this could be done it would be advantageous to the work, but we must recognize the fact that to do this would enable her to reach that many less societies, and we are hoping that if her commission is extended for the year that she can visit other Synods besides California, as there is great need for speakers as well as within the bounds of your Synod. Do you think she would be willing to do this? We already have three speakers in the field and could well employ the fourth.

We know that it is impossible for any one to speak night after night without occasionally having a day or two of rest, and if it could be planned so that in places where there are no auxiliary societies she could remain at least two days and perhaps

more would be gained in the end and she would be able to employ her time in such a way as to bring the greatest results from the work.

Of course, Mrs. Gilchrist is just getting started in the work at North Fork, but any information you can give her, to get her started right, she ought to be grateful for. Do not let her make too serious blunders at the beginning, for it is much harder to correct a mistake than it is to start a thing right.

You will hear from me again next week in regard to the matter of the commission.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, November 10, 1904.

Miss Prudence Clark,

Chimayo, New Mexico.

Dear Miss Clark:-

Without doubt you know that we have a little prayer meeting here at the office at 12.45 each day, at which the office assistants unite in prayer for God's blessing upon the work and the workers. We also take up each day the names on the Prayer Calendar list, corrected, of course, up to date, and ask God's blessing upon those whose names are mentioned. We thought it might interest you to know that at the prayer meeting to-day you and your sister were mentioned by name and special prayer offered for a blessing upon both of you and your school.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, November 10, 1924.

Miss Julia Fraser,

916 Myrtle St., Oakland, Calif.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

Your report and postal received. We were all greatly interested in the account of your trip and feel that while it has been a hard one yet the "seed sowing" in new places, and the presentation of the work, even where societies can not be organized, will help the people and bring about contributions for the work.

The matter of extending your commission for a year will be presented at the next meeting of the Woman's Board, and we will notify Mrs. Goddard at once.

We have all been out on synodical trips, with the exception of Miss Lincoln and Miss White. Miss White, unfortunately, was taken ill about the first of October, and as she was to stay in the office, it was impossible for Miss Lincoln to go away. Dr. McAfee is home from his long trip to Alaska, and we all feel we have gained much information from our journeys which will be of great service in the administration of the work of the office.

Hoping that you may keep well and be greatly blessed in your ministrations to societies and churches, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 10, 1904.

Mrs. Elijah Barton,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Barton:-

Minnesota,
New York,
New Jersey,
Pennsylvania,
Ohio,
Illinois,
Indiana,
California,
Wisconsin,
Michigan,
Kansas,
Oregon & Washington.

Not all the money is in yet for the "Mary E. James' School for Boys" but we are beginning to make plans for the furnishing of the building, so that when the entire amount is in hand there need be no further delay. We feel quite sure that the whole amount will be raised this year.

Iowa Synodical Society has just honored its president by asking that they might be allowed to furnish a room, to be named in her honor, and it occurs to us that Minnesota might wish to honor Mrs. Pomeroy. The cost of furnishing a room - which will probably accommodate six or eight boys - will be $100.00, and I am sure that Mrs. Pomeroy would appreciate having a room named for her in the "Mary E. James' School." Of course, we would like to have it a surprise for her, and if the money could be raised before the close of the fiscal year, March 31st, the announcement can be made at the Annual meeting. The names of the rooms will also be published in the Annual meeting number of the Home Mission Monthly.

We are making this same proposition to a number of the older synods, and where synodical presidents have served for a number of years, and feel quite certain that Minnesota will not want to be left out.

Kindly let me hear from you as to the probabilities in the matter, but be sure not to let Mrs. Pomeroy know anything about it.

Very cordially yours, Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 14, 1904.

Miss Rose McCord,

Marshall, N. C.

Dear Miss McCord:-

Thank you very much for the films. I am sure I shall be able to use them in connection with the account of the dedication at Walnut Run.

I am so pleased with the fact that you have introduced the envelope system in the church and that the collections have been increased. Every dollar we can get the people on the field to give is so much better for them, because they appreciate more what they get when it costs them something. I trust that the Penny Provident Bank will also be a means of inculcating principles of thrift.

I enclose twenty cents for the films, and if you will kindly hand it to Miss Martin I shall be greatly obliged.

With kindest regards to all the teachers, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 25, 1904.

Mr. H. G. Brown,

Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Your letter saying that you could make a place for Mrs. Moores at hand, and thank you very much for the information. Mrs. Moores is a very valuable woman to our work, and I am sure will be able to do added service for the cause if she can spend some time at Tucson. I am passing along the information and you will hear from us later.

With best wishes for the success of your work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 25, 1904.

Mrs. Elijah Barton,

305 Oneida Block.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Barton:-

Your letter saying you think that Minnesota will be glad to honor Mrs. Pomeroy by furnishing a room in the "Mary E. James School for Mexican boys" at hand, and we are greatly delighted. We are sure that it will be a very fitting thing to do at the conclusion of Mrs. Pomeroy's twenty years of service as Synodical President.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 28, 1904.

Mr. H. G. Brown,

Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Your letter saying that you could make a place for Mrs. McCrea at hand, and thank you very much for the information. Mrs. McCrea is a very valuable woman to our work, and I am sure will be able to do added service for the cause if she can spend some time at Tucson. I am passing along the information and you will hear from us later.

With best wishes for the success of your work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 25, 1904.

Mrs. Elijah Barton,

305 Oneida Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Barton:-

Your letter saying you think that Minnesota will be glad to honor Mrs. Pomeroy by furnishing a room in the "Mary M. James School for Mexican boys" at hand, and we are greatly delighted. We are sure that it will be a very fitting thing to do at the consummation of Mrs. Pomeroy's twenty years of service as Synodical President.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 25, 1904.

Mrs. B. T. Galloway,

Takoma Park, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Galloway:-

Your letter addressed to Mrs. Hinks, asking for information in regard to schools for training Home Missionaries, at hand. The Woman's Board has the Normal and Collegiate Institute at Asheville, N. C., where young women are prepared for teachers, and many of them are already in service in the mountain field, and in my recent visit to that field I found no better primary teachers anywhere than those that were educated at the Asheville Normal and Collegiate Institute.

At Albuquerque, New Mexico, we have a training school for Mexican Evangelists, in charge of Dr. Thomson, but as these young men are studying for the ministry, I believe they receive some help from the Board of Aid for Colleges.

Miss Kate McBeth has a training class for Indian Evangelists at Lapwai, Idaho, but there are no scholarships for this. Money would, however, be received for the support of either Dr. Thomson's or Miss McBeth's work.

If you mean, however, a training school where missionary workers are prepared for work, the University of Wooster, located at Wooster, Ohio, has provided such a course of study, and we are directing our workers who desire training to go there. Each applicant to us is considered upon his or her merits, and when such applicants are accepted we are ready to receive funds for their tuition

and perhaps some financial aid in the way of board, but the school is not under our direction in the sense the other schools of the Woman's Board are.

I will enclose a leaflet on scholarships, which will give the location of the schools where scholarships are available, and perhaps that will help you in the matter of deciding.

If I have not given you the information desired, let me know and I shall be glad to write again.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A Boole

Dictated.

New York, November 25, 1904.

Mrs. J. B. Kendall,

Laporte, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Kendall:-

The letter to you on Wednesday was written very hurriedly, and we failed to enclose the letter from Mr. Brown. Here it is, however, and we will await your answer before saying anything to Mrs. McCree.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A Boole

Dictated. New York, November 28, 1904.

Miss Georginea Boxwell,

San Pablo, Colorado.

Dear Miss Boxwell:-

I hope you are enjoying the work in your new field at San Pablo, and that you will be greatly blessed in all you try to do.

A recent visit of one of the members of the Board to Colorado brings us the information that you felt it necessary to ask the proprietor of the store to open it on Sabbath morning that you might purchase supplies for your new field. I do not know the circumstances or why you felt impelled to ask him to do this, but we would be very glad to have you explain the situation. Perhaps you do not know that the Woman's Board does not ask its workers to travel on Sunday, neither would such a course meet with their approval. Doubtless, however, you felt justified for some reason that we can not understand. I can assure you that this letter is not written in the spirit of fault finding but rather that you may know that the Woman's Board does not require impossible things of its workers, and if a delay over Sabbath had meant a day's delay in reaching your field, the Board would not have censured you for that. I know that all of us have been so situated that sometimes some Sunday travel and some things that might, perhaps, be condemned by outsiders seemed necessary, and we are willing to trust you in this matter, only asking that you remember always that in the eyes of the

people you represent the Woman's Board and the Presbyterian Church and as such our actions will be judged.

Rejoicing in the opportunities that come to the mission teacher for Christian service, and praying that God will bless you in the midst of the loneliness that must come in a new field and the perplexities that meet us in the kind of work you are doing, and where you must many times stand alone, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, November 28, 1904.

Rev. W. C. Clemens,

Columbia, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Without doubt you know that we have a little prayer meeting here at the office at 12.45 each day, at which the office assistants unite in prayer for God's blessing upon the work and the workers. At this meeting we take up the names on the Prayer Calendar list and ask God's blessing upon those whose names are mentioned - of course, we keep the Calendar corrected up to date. We thought it might interest you to know that at the meeting to-day your name was mentioned and special prayers offered for a blessing upon you and your work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 28, 1904.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,

1413 Larkin St.,

San Francisco, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

Your letter enclosing the reports of Miss Fraser at hand. We are greatly interested in them and rejoice that she is doing such good work. By this time you have doubtless received the word that her commission has been extended to April 1st, which is the time when all commissions expire. Without doubt she will be commissioned for another year, provided the funds of the Woman's Board are in such condition as to allow us to do this work.

We are greatly concerned over your statement about the work of the C. E's. of California. When the young people's societies are being pressed to do so much general work it is difficult to secure any funds at all from them for denominational work, and we feel our young people need to be trained to be loyal Presbyterians.

We rejoice in the good work that Miss Fraser is doing, and hope she can be kept constantly in the field.

It is too bad that funds are coming in so slowly and yet we have received more money this year than ever before at this time of the year, but the work does grow each year and the very prosperity that comes with growth means additional funds. Pray that the treasury may be replenished and the work prospered.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Brooks

Dictated. New York, November 28, [illegible].

Mrs. J. T. Kelly,

1367 Kenesaw Ave.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:-

Mrs. James has asked me to reply to your letter. Inasmuch as the Synodical Society is made up of the representatives of the Presbyterial Societies, together with the Synodical Committees, it is the judgment of those in the office that the action of the Synodical Society holds. As we understand it, the work among the immigrants in Baltimore Synodical was undertaken after protracted discussion on the part of the Synodical Society at its meeting, and that every presbyterial society had the opportunity to vote and the work taken up by the synodical society then becomes binding upon all of them. Of course, we all understand that we can not compell women to give where they will not, but it is customary for the societies to do their best to raise the money pledged by the synodical society.

The work among the immigrants is different places is taken up in different ways. In Pennsylvania the work is supported by all the presbyterial societies in the Synod, though the work in Philadelphia is supported by the two Presbyteries there, so that each synodical society becomes a law unto itself, the money being transmitted through the Woman's Board, to be applied in the way the presbyterial or synodical society may direct.

The Board does not work among the immigrants in New York City, that being done by the City Missionary Society, but on the other hand the two presbyteries in Philadelphia are doing work among the Italians, and doing it through the Woman's Board, as all funds are transmitted here.

At the meeting of the Woman's Board it was decided to receive funds for this work in Baltimore Synodical, and such action was taken with the information that had been placed before us; that the whole subject had been thoroughly discussed in the synodical society and had been taken up as synodical work.

We are all sorry to know that you have been ill and trust that you will soon be able to be about the Master's work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Brook

Dictated. New York, November 28, 1904.

Miss Julia Fraser,

918 Myrtle St., Oakland, Cali.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

I presume before this you have been notified that your commission has been extended to April 1st. We are greatly pleased at the report of your work and know that a visit from so enthusiastic a worker as yourself can not fail to arouse interest in the Home Mission work.

We are quite stirred up over the word from Mrs. Goddard as to what the California C. E's. are undertaking, because it means that so much of the C. E. money will be put into general C. E. work and so little left to be secured for distinctly denominational work. I know that as you go up and down the country you will do your best to gather all the funds from the young people that you can.

We realize how much of help it must be to the weak societies who have never been visited by an outside worker to come in touch with the work through a speaker, and pray that God will abundantly bless you, making your health and strength precious in His sight.

I need not caution you in regard to overdoing, but my husband used to say that sometimes when Satan could not get people to stop work he gave them too much to do and they broke down and so could not do anything, so while in your zeal for the cause, you will

leave no stone unturned whereby you may advance the work of the Woman's Board, nevertheless take such care of yourself that you may not break down and so be unable to do anything.

Your report greatly interested us here and it has already been passed around to all the workers in the office.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 30, 1904.

Rev. A. L. Whitfield,

Harlan, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Whitfield:-

Without doubt you know that we have a little prayer meeting here at the office at 12.45 each day, at which the office assistants unite in prayer for God's blessing upon the work and the workers. At this meeting we take up the names on the Prayer Calendar list and ask God's blessing upon those whose names are there - of course, we keep the Calendar list corrected up to date. We thought it might interest you to know that at the meeting today you, Miss McBurney, Miss Marsh, Miss Osborne and Miss Lawson were mentioned by names and special prayer offered for a blessing upon each of you and your work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 5, 1904.

Mrs. J. B. Kendall,

1012 Monroe St., La Porte, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Kendall:-

Your letter just at hand. The cost of furnishings a room in the "Mary L. James' School for Mexican Boys" will be $100, and we are suggesting to several of the larger synods that they furnish rooms to be named in honor of their synodical precidents. Already Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Minnesota have signified their intention of so doing, and we have been waiting to pass along the suggestion because we knew you were raising the money to send Mrs. McCrea to Tucson. The idea is to keep the matter a secret from the Synodical Presidents until the Annual meeting, when all these donations will be announced and the names published in the Annual meeting number of the Home Mission Monthly. I feel quite sure that the Indiana ladies will want Mrs. McCrea's name among the others, and if you think it would be better for me to write Mrs. Thomson and relieve you of further correspondence in the matter, I will be very glad to do so.

I sincerely hope Mrs. McCrea may improve in health, and that the change of climate may bring her the needed benefit.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, December 5, 1904.

Mrs. W. E. Allen,

Elm Grove, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

Your letter, giving the good news that Wheeling Presbyterial will support a bed in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, and assume the salary of Miss Simmonds in Utah, at hand, and we are greatly pleased to receive this word.

Dr. Grace Atkins resigned as superintendent of the hospital at San Juan because she expected to be married; she was married about the middle of October, and has returned to San Juan, expecting to make that her home. We will send you copies of all the literature we have in regard to the San Juan hospital. The new Porto Rican studies for Juniors we believe will be very helpful for children's societies.

We have not yet secured a successor to Miss Hall at Jacks Creek, but her salary is provided for by the Trenton, N. J., ladies. I will look up the matter and see whether the salary of the teacher there is assumed by any society. We will let you know if it has not been. We will also keep you in mind should any repairs be necessary on the "Atkinson Home," or any new supplies needed for that school.

You need never beg my pardon for asking questions in regard to the work, for I am here to answer questions, and to be just as helpful to all our workers as I can.

Praying that God will bless you in all your work and that the women of your presbytery will be blessed in all they do, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, December 5, 1904.

Rev. R. D. Martinez,

Box 64, Metcalf, Arizona.

Dear Sir:-

A letter from Kate W. Metcalf, asking for Christmas gifts for the children in your Sunday school, at hand. It is very late in the season for us to secure Christmas gifts, and I am almost afraid that we shall not be able to provide them. However, we shall keep you in mind and if we hear of any one who has not already sent gifts will be glad to direct them to you. We do not want you to be too hopeful in the matter, as the time is so short until Christmas, and nearly all of our societies have been directed to some place where they could send their gifts.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 7, 1904.

Miss Georgiana Boxwell,

San Pablo, Colorado.

Dear Miss Boxwell:-

Your letter containing the explanation of purchasing supplies on Sabbath at hand. We have no doubt but that you considered it a necessity to get those supplies. Why, when you found it necessary for you to carry food with you, did you not postpone your journey until the following night, inasmuch as the ladies were willing to provide entertainment for you? We do not know, but evidently you had some good reason which in your own mind justified you in so doing. The fact of purchasing supplies on Sabbath is nearly always detrimental, even though one has what they deem a sufficient excuse, because outsiders do not understand this. However, I am sure that realizing that in all these matters you will be considered a representative of the Board, and the Board does not expect you to travel on Sabbath, or to do such purchasing, even if it means further delay in reaching your destination, the offence will not be repeated. May God bless you in all your work and help you to win souls for Him.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen G. White.

Dictated. New York, December 8, 1904.

Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D.,

Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Duncan:-

Your letter of December 5th at hand. At this time of year there is always a great deal of anxiety in the minds of the workers in the office as to whether we are going to be able to report "no debt" at the time of General Assembly, so that it is a very unfavorable time in which to urge the expenditure of money. All our efforts must be concentrated upon gathering funds with which to meet the obligations already incurred.

The Woman's Board assumes a certaing amount of evangelistic work each year, and this is placed along definite lines. The salaries of the ministers in French Broad Presbytery and those in Southeastern Alaska, together with one-half the support of the Synodical Missionaries who look after the school work. We appreciate the logic of your statement that the churches at Flag Pond and Sneedville are the outgrowth of our work, but unless we could get the salaries pledged, I see no way by which they could come under the Woman's Board. You say that if there is anything you can do to help raise the salaries you will gladly do it. What have you to suggest as a method?

And now in regard to the school at Ozone:- The building fund for the mountain field has been exhausted so that there is not a dollar in the treasury for that purpose. It has been suggested

that possibly a smaller building, one not containing rooms for teachers' home, might be erected. We are quite certain we can get some help from the Board of Church Erection, but they would probably not give more than $300, if we put up a building costing $1,200. Do you think a chapel school house, with two rooms and built so they could be trown together, could be erected for that amount of money? I know that the little building at Jewett cost about $800, but so much hauling had to be done in connection with that that it made that part of the work very expensive, while Ozone being situated along the line of railroad would lessen somewhat the expense of hauling. I wish we knew some one who could be induced to give $400 for this building fund. I haven't given up heart yet but that the building may be erected, but there is not a single ray of hope here at the office that the money can be secured before the close of the fiscal year, and our women never authorize the erection of any building until all the funds are in hand.

Dr. Thompson does not think it would be wise for Mr. Holter to come North at this time of year to raise funds for even so important a thing as a new school building at Ozone, as he says he would have to appeal to churches and societies and that might result in the lessening of amounts contributed for pledged objects. Let us keep on praying and perhaps we may yet be given to see a way by which we can get the money necessary to build. I will try and have Ozone put in the schedule next year and shall try to have a building fund created for the mountain field, the first claim to be a schoold building at Ozone, but all will depend on how we come out at the end of the fiscal year, for if we have a large debt no buildings would be planned.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 8, 1904.

Rev. G. S. Baskervill,

Farm School, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Baskervill:-

Doubtless you know that the workers on the field are remembered at our noon prayer meeting each day, and as to-day and to-morrow the names of the teachers at the Farm School appear on the Prayer Calendar they were specially mentioned and God's blessing asked upon them and their work. Mr. Delzell and Mr. Hay will be remembered with the teachers whose names appear on the list to-morrow, as we do not hold our prayer meeting on Saturday. We thought you might like to know that you were specially remembered to-day and will be again to-morrow.

With kind regards to you and all your faculty, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 9, 1904.

Mrs. V. P. Boggs,

104 South St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Boggs:-

It is the custom of the Woman's Board of Home Missions at the beginning of each year to send to each of the missionary teachers commissioned by us a copy of the Home Mission Prayer Calendar, a sample of which has been sent to you.

One of our workers writing a few days ago said that she had been at Ingleside and that the teachers there did not even know there was a Home Mission Calendar. Inasmuch as their names all appear during April, it has occurred to us that possibly the Freedmen's Board might like to send this little remembrance to each of the teachers commissioned by them.

We sell the Calendar at just as low a price as it is possible, but if you would like to order them from this office, we can supply them to you at six cents apiece, but if you prefer to send us the names, and have us direct and mail them, the entire cost will be ten cents each. May we hear from you at an early date?

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 12, 1904.

Mrs. W. H. Rower,

174 Bell Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Rower:-

Your letter to Miss Rue has come into my hands as there were two matters at least in it which demand the attention of the Secretary.

First, in reference to the appointment of temperance secretaries:- It is not that I do not approve of temperance secretaries being appointed, but the Woman's Board has decided that the work committeed to it by General Assembly, that of raising funds for the support of schools among the exceptional peoples of our country, to which has been added the work among the Freedmen, is all they can do. After very careful deliberation, the Woman's Board voted at St. Louis, and re-affirmed their action at Buffalo, that it was not in their power to graft upon the work of the missionary society the work of any reform, important as they might, individually, feel it to be, as the inculcating of other principles would mean a diversion of interest. Strong appeals have come to the Woman's Board to allow their societies to contribute toward Ministerial Aid, toward Publication Work, toward Sabbath Observance, as well as to the temperance reform, and to all of these they have been obliged to say "no."

Personally, I have been engaged in temperance work more than twenty years and would naturally be glad of anything that might

advance that cause, but believe the Permanent Committee on Temperance ought to appeal to the Presbyterian Churches to appoint Temperance Secretaries rather than to the missionary societies, the members of which already have their hands full in gathering the funds for the many schools under their care.

I am sure you will be glad to know that excellent temperance work is being done on the field by our missionary teachers, who present the temperance work, Sabbath Observance, purity and kindred graces as a part of the whole Gospel.

I note what you say in the Annual report in regard to Dr. Dodge, but you must understand, of course, that the management of the organization under the Woman's Board is in the hands of the women themselves, and evidently Dr. Dodge had not thought of the matter in the same light in which our women think of it. In his great-hearted interest in the temperance work he is glad to secure the co-operation of any one he can.

Now in reference to the Home Mission Monthly:- You are mistaken in thinking that the Assembly Herald is self-supporting. Although issued at twenty-five cents a year, and with the whole church to draw from as a constituency, the amount of money paid into the treasury of the Assembly Herald by the Boards of the church last year, and which was necessary to cover the actual cost of issuing the paper, was $4,249. Of this amount the Board of Home Missions paid $1,157; the Foreign Board $2,280, and the Board of Publication $856. You will find these figures in the Minutes of General Assembly, and the first number is on page twenty-three of the Minutes. The Assembly Herald is considered a necessity, that these Boards may have the means of communi-

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acting with the people of the church, but the Women's Board has not only its means of communication with the societies through the Home Mission Monthly without costing the Women's Board one dollar of contributed money, but in addition to this the magazine turned into the treasury of the Women's Board, last year, the sum of $5,000. It is not a money making scheme but it certainly is splendidly managed. We do not believe it would pay even to reduce a decrease in price. The magazine is well worth the money, and we believe is appreciated by the women who take it.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, December 12, 1904.

Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis,

522 Sixth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Ellis:-

Thank you very much for the information contained in your letter. We will get the petitions off at once, and they will reach their destination before the end of the week.

Hoping that you may have a good winter in Washington and be greatly prospered in your work, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 14, 1904.

Mr. J. C. Ross,

Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Ross:-

Mrs. P. F. McCrea, Synodical President of Indiana, and one of the vice-presidents of the Woman's Board, who is also one of our most consecrated and efficient workers in the Home Mission cause, is expecting to go to Arizona in January, and contemplates stopping at Albuquerque on her return trip, I think. She is desirous of visiting the schools with a view to writing articles for some of the Eastern papers, and to gather material which will help her in the prosecution of the work in Indiana. You will find her very pleasant and full of interest for the cause, and any courtesy you may be able to show her will be greatly appreciated by the Woman's Board. If you can accommodate her in the school during her stay in Albuquerque, the ladies of the Board will greatly appreciate it.

With kind regards to Mrs. Ross and the other members of your faculty, and the greetings of the holiday season, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 14, 1904.

Mrs. F. F. McCrea,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. McCrea:-

Your letter at hand this morning, and we are all delighted that you are planning to go to Arizona and trust that the change may entirely cure your "stubborn case of bronchitis." I have daughters and appreciate how difficult it would be for you to go away before the holidays are over, but doubtless January will be as good a month to reach the field as any other.

I shall be very glad to write to Mr. Brown, Mr. Herndon, Mr. Ross and Miss Leadingham about your contemplated visit, and if you could visit some of the smaller schools, let me know and I will write some of the teachers there.

I will inquire at the office whether anything could possibly be done in the matter of railroad rates, but fear it will be difficult to do so, as they only grant rates to commissioned workers and in a missionary society we can not afford to even stretch a point along that line.

Mrs. James will be glad to know that you are contemplating the trip, and I shall take pleasure in showing her your letter. We hope you will find the time to write something for the Home Mission Monthly, and will send us reports of your visit to Arizona, as

none of the ladies from the office have visited that field in a couple of years.

With love and very best wishes for the holiday season,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, December 14, 1904.

Miss Carrie M. Clark,

Revere, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Clark:-

Doubtless you know that we have a little prayer meeting each day at the office at 12.45, at which the office assistants unite in prayer. We also take up each day the names on the Prayer Calendar, corrected up to date, and ask God's blessing upon those whose names appear thereon. We thought it might interest you to know that at the meeting to-day you and Miss Cathey were mentioned and especial prayer offered for a blessing upon each of you and your work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 14, 1904.

Mr. H. G. Brown,

Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Referring to your kind letter of more than a month ago, in reference to Mrs. McCrea, I desire to say that I have just learned from her that she is planning to go to Arizona but will spend some time at Phoenix before going to Tucson. She will let you know when she will arrive, and is very grateful to you for your kind offer to show her about and let her know about the work.

Mrs. McCrea is the Synodical President for Indiana, and a vice-president of the Woman's Board, and is one of the most consecrated and efficient workers that we have. Any courtesy that you may be able to show her will be greatly appreciated by the members of the Woman's Board.

With kind regards to the members of your faculty and the greetings of the holiday season, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 15, 1904.

Dr. Emma Corey Starr,

Jewett, New Mexico.

Dear Dr. Starr:-

Your letter came several days ago but I immediately passed its contents over to Dr. McAfee, who has charge of that work, and whose duty it is to give instructions to Mr. Brodhead. We are all agreed that you ought to confine your practice to the Navajoes; in fact, as I understand it, the law of the Territory will not permit you to practice among the white people without a license. So that you can give that for your excuse. You are sent there to be a missionary to the Indians, and at the conference this morning it was the decision of the ladies that, so long as we have no larger accommodations than we have for the hospital, you would better devote your energies to the dispensary work and visiting in such homes as you can.

We presume it is perfectly safe for you to go anywhere in the day time, but you ought not to take night trips alone without a suitable escort, and it is certainly impossible for you to have charge of the dispensary and be going both day and night.

We pray that you may be a great blessing to the Navajo Indians and believe that in your devotion to the cause you will use your very best judgment as to what you should do and what not to do. May God bless you and give you strength for the work before you.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

New York, December 15, 1904.

Dictated.

Miss Henrietta W. Hubbard,
156 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Miss Hubbard:-

Mrs. James has handed me your letter and asked me to reply to it. For a number of years our societies have made contributions toward a summer offering, and have asked for some special object to which they might contribute, and it was in response to these requests that we gave to the members of these societies an opportunity to contribute during the summer months. Those who are accustomed to work with women's societies know how easily they are confused, and yet our appeal was plainly marked for the Woman's Board of Home Missions, as were the envelopes, and so no treasurer ought to make a blunder about it.

Many times it is difficult for the women in societies, organized for both Home and Foreign work, to differentiate between the two, but there is no doubt that both the Home and Foreign Boards have a right to have summer offerings if they so desire, even if most of the members of one society are also members of the other. We regret the confusion but think that perhaps another year the women will understand better.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole,
Secretary.

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Dictated. New York, December 16, 1904.

Dr. Pickerel,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Pickerel:-

I take pleasure in notifying you that at the last meeting of the Women's Board the following action was taken at the request of Dr. Holmes:-

"1st. That Dr. Pickerel and Dr. Holmes should have the privilege, on application to the Superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital of San Juan, of bringing private pay patients to the hospital and be permitted to care for them there, it being clearly understood that the hospital shall be compensated for all expenses incurred, including the service of nurses.

"2nd. That the hospital instruments, in the care of a hospital nurse for sterilization and so forth, should be free to be used by those physicians thus attending upon pay patients in the hospital, the physicians to be held responsible for any damage to the instruments."

Respectfully yours,

Elliot Boole

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, December 16, 1904.

Dr. Grace Atkins Holmes,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Holmes:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday the following resolutions were passed, and I take pleasure in passing along the information:-

"1st. That Dr. Pickerel and Dr. Holmes should have the privilege, on application to the Superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital of San Juan, of bringing private pay patients to the hospital and be permitted to care for them there, it being clearly understood that the hospital shall be compensated for all expenses incurred, including the service of nurses.

"2nd. That the hospital instruments, in the care of a hospital nurse for sterilization and so forth, should be free to be used by these physicians thus attending upon pay patients in the hospital, the physician to be held responsible for any damage to the instruments."

With the greetings of the holiday season, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, December 17, 1904.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,

433 West 10th St., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

Ever since we learned that you were obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an operation, I have been intending to write you but there have been a good many public meetings, and then when in the office other things have claimed my attention. We are all so sorry to learn of your suffering during these months and the necessity for the operation. It is all very well to talk about an aneasthetic and so not suffering pain while the surgical work is being done, but most of us know better, however, that the pain follows, and to one of your active temperament it is very hard to be still. We have thought of you and talked about you often, and our ladies all sympathize greatly with you in the fact that you had to be laid aside for a time. It takes Christian grace to keep still more than it does to keep going, and we have remembered you several times in the prayer meeting, that God would give you grace according to your need.

Dear Mrs. Palmer, I want you to know that we all appreciate the hard work you are doing for the Home Mission cause and the strenuous life you are leading as you go from place to place, never losing an opportunity to instruct and enthuse the people in regard to the work. May God bless you abundantly, and may you very speedily

be restored to perfect health again. Sometimes the only way people can be kept from a final break down is for them to be laid aside for a little time for a rest, and I am glad that you are having a little rest, though wish it might be in a way that is not accompanied by so much suffering.

With love, and the greetings of the Christmas season,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated.

New York, December 17, 1904.

Mrs. George W. Beers,

735 West Berry St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Beers:-

Your letter just at hand. It is all right about your not being able to arrange for a meeting, and I thank you very much for the invitation to stop and make a little visit, but it will hardly be possible, as there are many calls for meetings and we shall try to fill in the vacant dates.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

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Dictated. New York, December 17, 1904.

Miss Ella J. Griffith,

Box 125, Woodsfield, Ohio.

Dear Miss Griffith:-

Your letter just at hand. We are very glad that you had a good Praise meeting and that now you want to know some place where you could give the money that it will do good. If you take the Home Mission Monthly you will recall that in the October number there was an article by Mrs. James relative to some schools in Utah that it had been decided to close, and that she made herself personally responsible for the necessary money to keep them open. All this money has not yet been raised, so that if you want to make your thank offering a donation for this work, we shall be very glad to receive it.

If, however, you want to give it to some special school, I would suggest that you make it as a donation to the new dormitory that is to be built at Springville, Utah. This is one of our good academies in Utah, and last year a great many boys were turned away from the school because there was no place for them to be accommodated. It does not do to let them board in Mormon homes, and so the academy is not able to do all that we should like to have it do for the young people in Utah, because we have not this dormitory room. We are endeavoring to raise $5,000 with which to put up a building. Part of the money is in hand but not nearly enough to complete it.

Rejoicing that you have a part in this blessed Home Mission work, and with the greetings of the holiday season, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 17, 1904.

Mrs. Frank Hindman,

Clarion, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Hindman:-

Your letter notifying us of the death of Mary E. Craig, one of the life members of the Home Missionary Society, at hand. We thank you very much for sending us this information, and express to you our profound sympathy in the sorrow that has come to you in her passing away. God means out of every great sorrow that comes into a human life that some spiritual blessing shall come; may it be your portion, and as the number of friends on the other side increases, may all of us be drawn nearer to our Heavenly Father.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 22, 1904.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mrs. James:-

We have been informed of the death of Mrs. L. C. Hill, a member of this Board. The funeral services are to be held at Lafayette Avenue Church, Brooklyn, on Friday afternoon, at two o'clock. I will send word of the time and place of this funeral to several members who reside in Brooklyn, but am sure the family would greatly appreciate it if you could attend.

I presume you are home from Washington by this time, and trust that your visit was successful. You were remembered in prayer at the meeting on Tuesday, and we missed you greatly.

The enclosed is a copy of the report of the sub-committee who considered the matter of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools. We presented it to the members of the Finance Committee on Tuesday, that they might have an opportunity to think about it, and are sending a copy to each member of that committee, as well as to yourself, Mrs. Finks and Mrs. Pingry, that you may have it in hand for consideration.

With best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 23, 1904.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Miss Hodge:-

Your letter just at hand. I recall perfectly the circumstances in regard to Miss Petrie being made a member of the Committee on Over Sea and Land and thought she was present at the conference when she was appointed, therefore did not give her a formal notice, but as you have the information correctly that matter is now all settled.

The name of the additional member of the business committee in Philadelphia is Miss Emma L. Burnett, 835 Preston St., and it is possible you know her, as she was recommended to us by the Philadelphia ladies.

We trust that Over Sea and Land may have a very prosperous year, with increased subscription list and hence increased usefulness.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 28, 1904.

Mrs. Thomas H. Walker,

140 Jackson Place, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mrs. Walker:-

Your request that Baltimore Presbytery be authorized to carry on work among the Bohemian immigrants in Baltimore was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board yesterday. We understand that it is the expectation of the ladies of your Presbytery to raise the money for the carrying on of this work, and that such funds as you raise will be transmitted here and returned to you to pay the expenses incurred in the carrying on of this work. With this understanding in view, the Woman's Board very heartily authorizes you to collect funds for this work, and will be glad to receive them. We rejoice that you feel the responsibility for doing this work among foreign-speaking people. Of course, you will make it an extra above and beyond your regular pledged work, and we are very glad that you want the money to go through the treasury of the Woman's Board. This is the way the work is carried on in Philadelphia, where the ladies of Philadelphia and Philadelphia North Presbyteries are supporting a kindergarten among the Italian children. The entire management of the work is with the Philadelphia ladies, funds simply being transmitted here and returned to them as they ask for the money.

Trusting that you may be greatly prospered as you enter upon this new work, and that God's blessing may rest upon you and upon it, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, December 28, 1904.

Mr. L. C. Hill,

60 South Oxford St.,

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mr. Hill:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday I was asked to send to you the sympathy of the Board in the great sorrow that has come to you in the death of your wife, and their prayer that even in the midst of such sorrow God's blessing may rest upon you. If any great joy had come to her on earth you would have rejoiced, now the joy of heaven is hers, and though your heart is sad at the parting, yet it is possible to rejoice with her that she is free from pain and in the presence of her Heavenly Father.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

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Dictated. New York, January 25, 1922.

Mrs. A. G. Beebe,
582 West Adams St.,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Beebe:-

At last I am home from my stormy trip and am glad to be back in the office. I had a comfortable ride to Louisville, and I am ready to recommend you as a good doctor for colds, as mine had almost disappeared by the time I reached Louisville.

I was very glad to have the little visit with you, because we certainly became much better acquainted than had I gone to the Institute that night.

Our new Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Mary J. Gildersleeve, has assumed her duties this morning, and as she has long been identified with Home Mission work, she will be no stranger to the work even if it takes the workers a little time to become acquainted with her.

It was a great pleasure to meet the ladies in Chicago, and the personal touch means so much in our work.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, January 18, 1905.

Mrs. Cora K. Adams,

40 East Randolph St.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Adams:-

I reached New York Saturday afternoon, having had a very pleasant trip notwithstanding that the weather was severe most of the time.

I brought up the matter of Miss Henry at the conference yesterday, and it was the judgment of the ladies that it would be a good plan for presbyterial officers to notify their auxiliaries that Maryville College was not under the care of the Woman's Board, and that if our societies desire to give to the mountain work it was but just to the Woman's Board that they make their contributions for our own schools. If you would like a speaker to present the mountain work to your societies, we shall be glad to call some one from the field for this purpose, possibly we could ask Miss Redway, of the Laura Sunderland, who is an unusually find speaker, to give you a couple of months in Chicago - at least for as long a time as Miss Henry will remain, so that our societies will not feel that in order to get a speaker on Home Mission topics they must call upon her.

Of course, I am writing you in confidence, because you understand the situation, and yet the presbyterial officers and the officers of the Board must work together to conserve the funds that rightfully belong to us. I remember that Mrs. Beebe said some-

thing to me about the difficulty of securing good speakers on Home Mission topics, and if you could make an itinerary for Miss Redway, or some other equally acceptable speaker, I am sure it would help you in gathering your funds and certainly would prevent diversion of funds to Maryville College.

I greatly enjoyed meeting with the ladies of Chicago and trust that you will not, any of you, look upon me longer as a stranger or even as a new Secretary, for we have one in the office now, who is younger in office than myself. Miss White, our Assistant Secretary, has just retired from the office and her successor is Mrs. Mary A. Gildersleeve. Mrs. Gildersleeve has had long experience in presbyterial work and has been for more than a year Secretary of the Interdenominational Council; she brings to the work consecration and zeal for the cause, and I am sure her work will be very acceptable.

I enclose Mrs. Watson's letter. Mrs. James was very indignant when she saw it. I am much obliged to you for loaning it to me.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, January 18, 1905.

Mrs. L. D. Bulkley,

531 Madison Ave., City.

Dear Mrs. Bulkley:-

Last spring Mrs. James appointed a committee on bills of fare for our schools, which consisted of Mrs. S. Beach Jones, yourself and Mrs. Hallock. I thought she had notified each of you of the appointment, but Mrs. Jones was in this morning and says this is the first information she has had upon the subject.

More than a year ago I wrote to the Principals of all our boarding schools and asked them to send us copies of their bills of fare. These are here in my office, and we would be glad if the committee could meet here on Wednesday, January 25th, at 2.30 P. M., to look over these bills of fare with a view to recommending something for our schools. As it is now, the children are given to eat what the Principals or matrons deem best, and we believe there ought to be some kind of uniformity. Can you meet with the committee at that time? The meeting will be held in room #721.

Mrs. James would like a report by February 1st, if possible, but at least we can do a good deal of preliminary work on Wednesday afternoon.

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 19, 1905.

Mrs. J. T. Kelly,
1367 Kenesaw Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:-

The matter of your uniting with the president of the Foreign Missionary Society of your Synod in a worker who shall represent the two societies jointly in visiting societies was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday, but this is the first opportunity I have had to tell you what was done.

The ladies do not like the name Field Secretary, preferring that you use the term Synodical Visitor, as this is more applicable to a worker whose duties shall be confined to one Synod. They authorize the appointment of such a worker, the salary, of course, to be provided by your own Synodical Society, and to be entirely an extra, not in any way conflicting with your regular pledges. Of course, it is with the understanding that such a worker present the work in accordance with the plans submitted by the Woman's Board, pressing the needs of the work along such lines as have been definitely taken up by the Synodical Society. We trust that you may be able to secure the right woman for this place, and that she may be so broad a woman that the interest of both the Home and the Foreign work will be conserved.

You ask if we have any name to suggest for this work. We have none in mind but trust that you may be able to find some one

who will be well adapted to the work and full of consecrated enthusiasm for the missionary cause.

Mrs. James has been suffering from the grippe, but she is better and was at the office on Tuesday.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 18, 1905.

Mrs. H. C. Olin,

63 Chestnut St.,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Olin:-

Mrs. James has appointed Mrs. E. C. Ray, 72 North Arlington Ave., East Orange, N. J., a member of the Cuba and Porto Rico Committee. We have notified her of her appointment, and also of the fact that you are the chairman of the committee. Kindly give her something to do that she may increase her interest in the work in Cuba and Porto Rico, and may make her feel that she is of some use upon the committee.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 19, 1905.

Mrs. W. T. Scheffer,
800 North Second St.,
Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Scheffer:-

Your letter in reference to the blanks at hand. The fiscal year of our Woman's Board closes March 31st, and we desire, of course, in gathering reports to have the report for the entire year.

As societies must send their money to the presbyterial treasurers some time before that date, in order that the money may reach us by March 31st, it does not seem to us that it would be difficult for them to return the local blanks to you by April 1st. There is not a great deal to put upon them, so that if you mailed the blanks to them by the middle of March, and they return them to you by April 1st, this would give you two weeks in which to prepare your report which is to be sent to the Synodical Secretary.

I quite agree with you that it is not wise to send the blanks too long in advance, as the women lose them, but two weeks is certainly time enough to make out that simple report and gather the facts, while two weeks ought to be time enough for you, as you see we have greatly lessened the labor of the presbyterial secretary this year by condensing reports and relieving them of the necessity of filling out a complete report for the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

As the bands are auxiliary to the women's societies, where there is no presbyterial secretary of band work, we send the blanks for bands to presbyterial secretaries, who forwards them to the secretaries of the auxiliary societies. If, however, presbytery has placed the band work in the hands of the young people's secretary forward them to her and ask her to gather the report for you.

Your questions are not at all foolish but show that you want to proceed intelligently in the matter, and we are glad to give you any assistance in our power. If you do not thoroughly understand yet, write me again and I will try to make everything clearer.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, January 18, 1905.

Mrs. V. O. Burtis,

Westfield, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Burtis:-

Mrs. James has appointed Mrs. Richard H. Allen, Chatham, New Jersey, a member of the Alaskan Committee. We have notified her of her appointment, and also of the fact that you are the chairman of the committee. Kindly give her something to do that may increase her interest in the Alaskan work and may make her feel that she is of some use upon the committee.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, January 20, 1905.

Mrs. D. M. Cooper,

1015 Jefferson Ave.,

Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Cooper:-

We were very glad to forward your letter to Mrs. Bailey at her home address (31 South Front St., Harrisburg, Pa.)

We are glad that you are taking up the work among the foreign-speaking people, but is has seemed to us that this work could be managed much more effectually by the women of a synod or a presbytery than it could at this distance, for conditions differ with nationalities and local environment, and you are so much better able to judge than we are. If you could find a Christian woman in Detroit, who could work among the people of her own nationality, and do the work of a colporter, that would be the very best thing you could do.

I spoke to Dr. McAfee about a kindergartner, and he said that if you wanted us to supply one we would keep you in mind, and perhaps from the credentials that are sent us we might be able to find the right one for you, but if you want one who speaks a foreign language it is almost impossible to secure them. I was in Chicago about ten days ago and had a long talk with Mrs. A. G. Beebe (582 West Adams St., Chicago, Ills.), presbyterial president, about the management of the "Emily Yale Schools" or kindergartens. There is a kindergarten school in Chicago, from which they secure

their teachers, and while they only pay for one teacher in each school, the manager of the school furnishes one or two helpers, as may be required, without extra expense. While this could hardly be done from Chicago for Detroit, it is possible that you have a kindergarten school with which you could enter into some such arrangement. They have found it very successful in Chicago and are able to manage the school at much less expense, because of the help that is given by the student kindergartners.

I presume you know that Miss White has retired from the office, and Mrs. M. J. Gildersleeve has been elected Assistant Secretary in her stead. Mrs. Gildersleeve, as Secretary of the Interdenominational Council, has been located on this floor for more than a year, and beside this has had long experience in presbyterial work, so that we feel she comes to the office well fitted for the position. She has placed on file your request that I attend your synodical meeting in the fall, and as soon as you know the date we shall be glad to have you notify us. I should like to come very much if it can be arranged in connection with my trip.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Colonel Ferry.

I trust that the work in Michigan may prosper this year, for when we near the end of the fiscal year we always feel more or less anxiety as to whether we are going to be able to report "no debt."

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 23, 1905.

Rev. John Dixon, D. D.,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

You ask me where $400 could be placed in the mountain field so as to help the work of the Woman's Board, and I am glad to answer your question.

Our North Carolina field is well supplied with buildings, and we have what is known as the "McDivitt fund" from which to draw when special needs come to us from this field.

No building is going on in the Kentucky field at present, except what has already been provided for.

In Tennessee we are desirous of erecting a chapel school house at Ozone. The building is greatly needed. At present the school is being taught in the public school building, which is not only entirely too small for the eighty or more children who attend but because the two teachers must teach in the same room, with only a cambric curtain between, but in addition there are so many open places in the building that the health of our teachers is endangered because of the exposure. It is, also, badly located, but it is the only building that can be used for either church or school. The church needs a home, and the pastor has been seeing what might be done to erecet a building suitable for church purposes. There was a little difficulty in agreeing upon the site, but when I was there

in the fall I suggested that instead of putting up a church they erect a chapel school house, which would do for both school and church, the seats being so arranged that they would do for church pews on Sabbaths. The idea took with them splendidly, and the ground for the building was donated by the people and about $600 in money and labor promised. The people were united in choice of location, and their desire to have the building put up in this form, namely, a chapel school house. The $400 which is offered for building, with the amount of money that we think could be obtained from the Board of Church Erection, would be just about sufficient to complete and furnish this building, and I know of no place where a building is more needed or where it would be more highly appreicated.

The Woman's Board is not erecting any other buildings at the present time in the mountain field, and you understand that we could not erect a new building in any place for the $400 offered, unless some provision were made for additional funds, and so I present the plea for this as the most urgent thing we have just now.

In the Mormon field we are erecting dormitories at Springville and Logan, Utah, each of which is to cost about $6,000, and would be very glad to have the contribution applied for either of these places.

At Chimayo, New Mexico, we are erecting a teachers' home, which is also greatly needed, and the $400 would just about complete the amount of money needed.

The anniversary fund of $50,000, which is to be used to erect the "Mary E. James' School for Mexican Boys" at Santa Fe,

(Dr. Dixon)

New Mexico, is not quite completed, and the contribution would be very gratefully received for that.

We certainly hope that some one of these may appeal to the donor as worthy of his contribution, and we can assure him that in any case the money will help in winning souls, for that is the object of all our school work.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, January 23, 1905.

Rev. William P. Swartz, D. D.,

The Manse, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Swartz:-

I am expecting (D. V.) to be with you for Thursday evening, and I have written Mrs. Smith that I am coming on the train leaving New York at 1.00 P. M. I hope the meeting may result in increased interest in Home Mission work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated New York, January 26, 1905.

Miss Ina Joy,

58 Perry St., Titusville, Pa.

My dear Miss Joy:

Your letter came while I was away from the office and I find that the Literature Department has sent you some literature bearing on the industrial work being done in our schools.

At the Farm School in North Carolina, the boys are taught farming, carpentry, masonry, and canning. Last year they canned 300 cans of tomatoes and 1200 of corn besides doing all the work in the house, even to the laundry work. Every effort is made to teach the boys how to make a living for themselves, and a number of them, on leaving the school, have been enabled to earn what they call good wages, $1.50 a day, at carpentry.

In our boarding schools the girls are taught housekeeping, cooking and sewing, this being a part of their regular class work. When we see how the exceptional people live in their own homes you can see that, while this industrial work does not cover a very large range, the girls are taught just the things they need to know, and then graduation time comes and they come in in their pretty white dresses, every stitch of which they have made themselves, and you see them in their dark blue cloth dresses and jackets, knowing that in their senior year they have made these, you will realize that the industrial work is profitable.

At Sitka, a logging outfit has recently been purchased and the Alaska Indians are being taught to pull the stumps and clear the land in condition for farming. When an object lesson of raising vegetables and fruits in Alaska is presented to the people it means a great deal for them.

At Good Will, S. D., Wolf Point, Montana, and Tucson, Ariz. a great deal of industrial work is taught the boys and girls and we have found that the only way to make the Indian good American citizens is to train the mind, the hands, and the heart.

Trusting this information is what you want, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, January 27, 1905.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

28 Hillside Ave.,

Englewood, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Your letter to Mrs. Waid, whose address is now 430 West 118th St., New York City, was forwarded at once.

The resolution in regard to the committee on work among the foreigners was that it was a committee to form aggressive plans for work among foreign speaking people, and as there is no department of work in regard to it, and as we are receiving more special inquiries about it, it seems the part of wisdom that this should be a Standing Committee who could get in touch with the work already being done and urge extension of it. There was no specific resolution, simply the appointment of the committee by Mrs. James for aggressive work, and then you were present on Tuesday when action was taken confirming this as a Standing Committee.

I hope you are not snowed in entirely.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated,

New York, February 1, 1905.

Mrs. Charles H. Shetye,
[illegible] Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Shetye:-

I am writing at the request of Mrs. James for a little bit of information.

A dear good woman, who resides in Pennsylvania, is extremely anxious that the missionary societies should appoint Temperance Secretaries, and has written all over the country urging the appointment of such Secretaries. As many of our societies are both Home and Foreign Societies, we feel that you are equally interested with us in the final decision on this matter. Many things advocated by the Church have appealed to the Woman's Board for their endorsement, such as Sabbath Observance, Ministerial Aid, and kindred objects, but the Woman's Board, having had a specific work given to it by General Assembly, namely, the raising of funds for the support of the work of Christian education among the exceptional peoples, has felt that if the way were opened for any or all of these causes, and we regard them, it would divert funds rightfully belonging to the work of Christian education.

On the field the matter is entirely different, and our missionaries are constantly helping all these good causes - temperance among them - as a part of the presentation of the whole Gospel,

but it is the unanimous opinion of the ladies of our Board that the introduction of a Temperance Secretary into auxiliary, presbyterial and synodical societies would prove both a divisive and diversive issue.

Many of us are members and workers in the temperance work but do our temperance work through other organizations rather than trying to commit the missionary society to the advocacy of a reform which is not a part of the work for which the organization was formed.

I hope I have made myself perfectly clear - that on the field the temperance work comes in as a part of the whole Gospel, but the organizations, synodical, presbyterial and auxiliary, must be kept free for the specific work for which they are framed.

Would you be so kind as to write the opinion of your Board in regard to this matter, and if you could present it in such a way that it could be published, Mrs. James would be very grateful.

Cordially yours,

Ella A Boole

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 3, 1905.

Miss M. A. May Rice,

Elizabethton, Tenn.

Dear Miss Rice:-

I have intended to write you for a long time; in fact, ever since my visit to the South last fall. You do not know how much I regret that in my itinerary I had not planned to go to Elizabethton, but my only excuse is that an imperfect knowledge of the geography of the country prevented my knowing that Elizabethton was so near Johnson City, and when I found out the other dates had been made and arrangements perfected so that no change could be made.

I note your query. We have had the question asked brought to us in various ways, especially when teachers are young and inexperienced. All the answer we can give is this: Young ladies who are on the mission field ought to remember that they are mission teachers first of all, and their associations with all the people of the community ought to be above reproach; they should not, in the slightest degree, lay themselves open for gossip, nor should they receive attentions from young men. I do not mean that young men should not be permitted to call at the mission home, because sometimes in the social life an influence for righteousness is brought to bear upon them, but we do say that no young woman, a mission teacher, should receive marked attention from any young man in the community, and neither should she bestow her attentions upon any particular young man. So far as accepting invitations from

men to public entertainments, great care ought to be exercised first as to the character of the entertainment, and next as to the character and standing of the young man and whether such attentions are repeated.

We regret to learn what you have to say about Miss Stouffer and realize the predicament in which you are placed, but it must be impressed upon her that as a representative of the Home Mission work of the Presbyterian Church she must abide by the decision that she is commissioned to do mission school work, and while we would not in any way hamper her by placing needless restrictions upon her, for we think she ought to be trusted, nevertheless, she must hold herself amenable to the rules which govern the work and to you who are Principal of the school. The lives of mission teachers should be above reproach, and where the people of a community are inclined to gossip, even greater care should be exercised.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 7, 1905.

Mrs. G. C. Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

Dear Mrs. Yeisley:-

That communication was intended for you as President of the Northern New York Foreign Mission Society, as the Woman's Board took action on the matter of Temperance Secretaries at the Annual meeting in St. Louis several years ago, and also at the meeting at Buffalo last year.

We want an expression of opinion from you as President of the Foreign Society as to whether it would be advisable to appoint a Temperance Secretary in the missionary societies. As I wrote you in the former letter, the Woman's Board does not deem it advisable, as the missionary society is not organized for local work but to gather funds for work upon the field. Our missionaries are, however, doing most excellent temperance work as a part of the whole Gospel, and we rejoice that they are so doing, but our ladies think that to introduce a Temperance Secretary in the auxiliary societies would be a divisive issue and might be the means of diverting funds from the missionary cause. There are societies that are organized for the special purpose of doing temperance work, and as missionary women we bid them God speed, and many of us are members and workers in them, but the point at issue is whether the reform ought to be grafted on the missionary society.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

house so located that you could get roomers among the college students and still be so situated that your boys could go to the public school.

Will Miss Mae go with you, and does she desire a position to teach?

I am doing the very best I can to secure a minister for you at Flag Pond, and if you good people keep on praying, I am pretty sure another year will find you with a pastor of your own. May God bless you all and give you wisdom according to your time of need.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, February 16, 1905.

Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has a large number of boarding schools among the Indians, the Mexicans, the Mormons and the Mountaineers, and we are planning our menus for these boarding schools, hoping to adopt scientific methods. Would you kindly send us whatever bulletins you may have on foods and their combinations, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

Ella A. Boole

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 16, 1905.

Mrs. Alice Barbour Roberts,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Mrs. Roberts:-

Your communication telling of the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, has been received, and I can assure you, on behalf of the Woman's Board, that we heartily appreciate the interest the ladies of San Juan have in the hospital and the help such an organization will be in its maintenance, not only in the funds that will accrue from these women and the material benefits which will come to the hospital, but the help that will come in the way of winning the people of Porto Rico to the support of the work. Please extend to the ladies of the Auxiliary the greetings of the Woman's Board, and convey to them our appreciation of their offers of help.

We rejoice that all the churches are represented, and that the wife of the Governor has consented to honor this work by becoming President.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 17, 1905.

Miss Emma Smedley,

Instructor in Domestic Science,

Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Smedley:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has a large number of mission schools under its care, a number of which are boarding schools, and we are greatly interested just now in planning menus for these schools.

We have been examining a copy of your book, entitled "Institute Recipes" and are greatly pleased with it, but do not feel that we could send it out to our schools because of the recipes for brandy sauce, plum pudding and fruit cake, which call for the use of liquors.

There are many other religious institutes who have charge of boarding schools who would take the same exception to the book. I am writing to ask if these recipes might not be omitted from subsequent editions of the book, or if you desire to include the recipes for plum pudding and fruit cake, could you not substitute, instead of sherry, something else? I have myself used strong coffee in fruit cake and plum pudding with very good results; in mince pies I have used the syrup from pickled peaches and pears and found the flavor excellent.

You understand that as a Christian institution we want to be very careful in what we recommend to those who have charge of our boarding schools. We are greatly pleased with the book and would like to have a number of copies, provided this may be eliminated. We hesitate to mutilate the book before sending it out and, therefore, are asking for this information.

Truly yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated.

New York, February 17, 1905.

Miss Josephine M. Chester,

1016 Eleventh St., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Chester:-

This letter has just come telling how your Christmas box was received by Mrs. Rogers at Embudo, and I thought you might like to see how grateful she was for it and how happy the box made all connected with the mission. Kindly return the letter to me, as we have not yet made a note of the needs of the school.

Yours very cordially,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 20, 1905.

Mrs. J. W. Zink,

Crestline, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Zink:-

We are glad that you had the pleasure of listening to Miss Granger at Crestline, and are sure that the story of her work will give you a personal interest in the work among the Mexicans.

Some little time ago we formulated a plan to have various synodical societies raise $100.00, which was to be used to furnish a room in the "Mary E. James' School for Mexican Boys," to be named in honor of the Synodical Presidents. A letter was written to Miss Alice C. Patterson (Glendale, Ohio,) your Synodical Secretary, asking if Ohio would not undertake to do this, which is just in harmony with your letter, received to-day. I will forward your letter to Miss Patterson and she will then know that one society at least is interested, but I have an idea that the attempt will be made to raise the money through the presbyterial societies.

The critical amount for the anniversary fund has now reached $85,000, so that $5,000 is needed to complete it, and we are hoping that the societies which have not contributed their apportionment will do so before the close of the fiscal year, as we will close up the fund.

Thanking you for your interest in the school, and rejoicing that you will have an opportunity to help in furnishing the room in honor of your Synodical President, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Mrs. Upham is one of my dear friends and has kindly asked me to visit her for a day or two, if my work should call me to Wisconsin.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, February 23, 1905.

Rev. John B. Devins, D. D.,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Dr. Devins:-

Your communication of February 16th duly received. At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday we decided to accept your proposition of one column space each week in the "New York Observer," with one page every ten weeks. Will you kindly notify us when you are ready to inaugurate this new plan, also what day in the week copy will be desired, and we will endeavor to have the matter promptly in your hands.

Thanking you for the courtesy of the pages of your paper, and hoping this new plan may be very successful, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 23, 1905.

Mrs. C. L. Bailey,

31 South Front St.,

Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:-

Enclosed is a list of the addresses of Synodical Presidents. I am sure they will all be greatly pleased to receive a copy of your pamphlet.

We observed the Day of Prayer here at the rooms on Tuesday, and it was the largest meeting we have ever held and full of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. It lasted from 11 A.M. until 4 P. M., and while the attendance in the morning was much larger than in the afternoon, no one could be in the meeting without receiving a blessing.

I have not seen the Notes you speak of but will ask for them at Revell's.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, February 25, 1905.

Miss Frances L. Goodrich,

Allanstand, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Goodrich:-

We are in receipt of the enclosed letter, and I have written Miss Harlan that we were not in possession of the information she desired but that she would better write directly to you and that any arrangement she might be able to make with you for attending this conference would meet with the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

When you know that at this conference we have never had a representative of the Home Mission cause, though Miss Harlan has sometimes written after the conference began, asking that somebody might be there, I am sure you will do your best to comply with this request. It is very important that the Home Mission cause have a representative at all these conferences, and you so won the hearts of the young women at Silver Bay last summer that you see the field is broadening.

Hoping that you may go, and with kindest regards, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 25, 1905.

Mrs. F. F. McCrea,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. McCrea:-

We have not heard from you since you started for Arizona but trust that the dry, mild climate there has greatly improved your health.

A letter from Mr. Herndon the other day said that more than a month ago a letter had come in his care to Tucson, and asking what to do with it. We asked that it be forwarded to you at Phoenix as we understood you were to remain there for some time. A letter from Mr. Ross, also, asked about your whereabouts, and said they would be greatly disappointed if you failed to visit them. I wrote him that you were probably planning to stop on your return trip to Indiana, so you see there is a cordial welcome awaiting you in a number of our schools.

The time is approaching when we must make our plans for General Assembly. I presume you will be the general chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. Who will have charge of assigning rooms at the hotel, or rather to whom shall application be made for board? As inquiries are already coming in to us, it became necessary for me to write Dr. Dickey in regard to the price of board at the Inn, and it may be that I shall have to put a notice in the Home

Mission Monthly in regard to where application shall be made before I have time to hear from you. Will you kindly send me the names of the chairmen of your sub-committees, so that they can be published in the Home Mission Monthly, and I ought to receive them by the 20th of March, in order that they may appear in the May number of the magazine, which is the last copy our delegates will receive before we start for General Assembly.

Of course, you know we have the all day meeting on Friday, May 19th; the reception of missionaries on Saturday morning; the Sunday afternoon meeting in the Assembly's auditorium; the conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and usually the informal conference on Monday, for which there is no public announcement.

Dr. and Mrs. Dickey called here a few weeks ago and Mrs. Dickey was exceedingly anxious that the officers of the Woman's Board should be entertained in private homes, but Mrs. James and all of us felt that, although we might be so much more comfortable in private homes, there was so much in all the synodical officers and the officers of the Board being in the same place, that we must all be at the Inn.

I presume we will arrive in Winona on Wednesday evening, May 17th, about five o'clock, and will remain at Winona until the Wednesday evening.

Do you know what hymn books will be avilable for use at Winona? We must know this in making out our program, so that we may have the number of hymns. We will need some one to play the organ at these meetings, and it would be well to have one solo in

the morning and another in the afternoon of the all day meeting, or if you prefer one of the pieces of music might be a duett. I am writing thus early in regard to these matters, although we have not yet formulated our program, because not knowing your address, there may be some delay in the communications reaching us, and when we need this information we need it very much.

As we approach the close of the fiscal year these are very busy days with us here at the office, but it is work that can not be arranged for in any other way expect just at this time, as we are not only making up reports of the past year but planning for the presbyterial meetings.

We will be glad to hear from you as to how you are and how you are enjoying Phoenix. It has been an unusually cold winter here, and snow has followed snow, but in the city it is not beautiful as we remember it in the country.

Mrs. James is quite well now, although she had an attack of the grippe about the holiday time.

I presume you know that Miss White has retired from the office and our new Assistant Secretary is Mrs. M. J. Gildersleeve. Mrs. Gildersleeve has, for many years, been associated with Home Mission work as a presbyterial president, and for a year and a half has been Secretary of the Interdenominational Council. She is thoroughly consecrated to Home Mission work, and is a good speaker and will, we believe, be very helpful to the cause.

This being Saturday one-half our force is at home but if they were here they would all join in sending kindest regards to you.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, February 25, 1905.

Rev. C. L. Work,

Granville, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Work:-

Your letter to Mrs. James, asking in regard to our commissioned workers, at hand, and we take pleasure in forwarding you a copy of our application blank for teachers in our mission schools. If, after careful examination, your daughter desires to make application, it would be necessary for her to secure the required credentials and forward them as soon as possible, if she desire to enter our work. We employ a good many teachers in this work and always the best available. Appointments, however, will hardly be made before the first of September, but it is better to make application early.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 25, 1905.

Miss Bertha Harlan,

East Northfield, Mass.

Dear Miss Harlan:-

Your letter asking whether Miss Goodrich would be available for the Northfield Young Women's Conference, July 11th to 20th, at hand.

You would better write directly to her, addressing Miss Frances L. Goodrich, Allanstand, North Carolina, and any arrangement you can make with her about being present at the meeting will meet with the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. I am also writing her, and trust that as she usually comes North in the early part of the summer she will be available for this meeting.

Thanking you for asking for a representative of the Home Mission work, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. March 1, 1905.

Miss Frances L. Goodrich,

Allanstand, N. Carolina.

My dear Miss Goodrich.-

Another request has come for you for a conference. This one is to be at Silver Bay the week of July 12. It is the conference of the American Committee federated with the World's Young Women's Christian Association and the World's Student Federation, they write to know whether you would be able to be present with them again this year. Kindly let me know what your plans are. We will be glad if you can make it convenient to be with them.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 3, 1905.

Miss V. M. White,

300 West 78th St., City.

Dear Miss White:-

Can you give Mrs. Thompson the information which she wants? If so, will be greatly obliged.

Yours cordially,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. March 1, 1905.

Miss Frances L. Goodrich,

Allenstand, N. Carolina.

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Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 2, 1905.

Miss V. M. White,

200 West 78th St., City.

Dear Miss White:-

Can you give Mrs. Thompson the information which she wants? If so, will be greatly obliged.

Yours cordially,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 11, 1905.

Miss Frances L. Goodrich,

Allanstand, Madison Co., N. C.

Dear Miss Goodrich:-

Your request for vacation was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday and our ladies very willingly granted you the three months asked for. We are glad that you will be back in time to go to Northfield and represent the Home Mission work, and that it will have a place in the regular order of things this year for the first time.

I am sorry you can not go to Silver Bay but will try and get some one else for to represent our work there.

Rejoicing with you that you are to have such a nice vacation and the trip with your mother and sister to the other side of the ocean, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 11, 1905.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

What are your plans for the summer? Miss Johns wrote that in the event she gave the fall to platform work, you would be coming North, and we are looking about for some one to represent the Home Mission work at a conference at Silver Bay, New York, about the middle of July. It is a conference of the American Committee, federated with the Students' Associations of the Young Woman's Christian Association, and last year Miss Goodrich was present, being the first time that any representative of the Home Mission work had been invited to be present. This year they have not only asked for a missionary but for a speaker, and give to the speaker one of their evening meetings, for which we are very thankful, and we want the best representative we can get to be there. Kindly let me know as to your plans.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 16, 1905.

Rev. M. F. Newport,

Poland, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Newport:-

Your letter, asking for information in regard to work under the Woman's Board for a young lady in your church, at hand. As you doubtless know, our work is almost entirely mission school work, and while the teaching is largely common school branches, yet so many difficult problems come before the mission teacher and so much of serious work must devolve upon them that young women of maturity are greatly needed.

Some knowledge of Bible study and an education at least as far as a high school course is the usual requirement but, of course, we are glad to get college women, if they feel called of God to do mission work.

At Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio, they have a course in Bible study for Home and Foreign mission workers, and Park College, Parkville, Mo., pays particular attention to fitting young women for this kind of work.

The young lady of whom you speak is rather young now for a position in one of our schools, but by additional study could fit herself for that work. It is one of the rules of the Board that all applicants must apply by a personal letter to Dr. George F.

McAfee, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, who is our Superintendent of School Work, and it would be well for her to place herself in correspondence with Dr. McAfee if she desires further information.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen A. Brooke.

Dictated. New York, March 15, 1905.

Miss Elizabeth B. Williams,

Farm School, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Williams:-

Thank you very much for the photographs of the buildings of the Farm School; they are just what we want, and we are proceeding now to have the leaflet printed. I am particularly glad to get the one with all the buildings, because it shows the magnitude of the work we are doing.

These are very busy days with us at the office as we near the close of the fiscal year with the usual anxiety lest we may be obliged to report a debt.

Remember me kindly to all the teachers and workers at the Farm School. I trust the work is progressing along all lines, and that all the workers are well and happy.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Brooke.

Dictated. New York, March 16, 1905.

Mrs. George Tilden,
124 South 19th St.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Tilden:-

Your letter at hand and we are glad to learn that Mrs. Palmer is standing her work well. She has so much energy and so much zeal for the cause that we are afraid sometimes she does not care for herself as she should, but we all appreciate that she wants to improve every moment and meet just as many people as possible.

We will send you a copy of Mrs. James' presbyterial letter which will show what she is saying to the spring presbyterial meetings.

You know we do not send out our appropriations until after the Annual meeting, because we do not know just how we will stand, therefore we must wait until the books close and we know whether there is a deficit or not.

You ask for some small special for next year to take the place of the anniversary offering, and we suggest that it might prove interesting to your ladies either to take one of the new teachers in Cuba, or if you do not feel you can raise $500.00, to

support one or two bed in the San Juan Hospital, Porto Rico. These are $120.00 each, and it would give you an opportunity to present to your women the Porto Rico work and the necessity for medical missions. We will send you the leaflet telling of the hospital, and are sure that this would prove a very attractive special.

Have your ladies ever done anything in the line of the summer offering? While we do not expect large sums for this yet if each society would contribute, even a small amount, it would help and as many societies intermit their meetings during the summer time, you might be willing to distribute the envelopes and gather in a little for the special work which is, this year, to be for the Pimas and Papagoes. It would be well if this were presented at all presbyterial meetings, with a view to enlisting the co-operation of those who are present.

I do not wonder at your perplexity in view of the "Forward Movement" as presented by Mr. McConaughy. We are always glad when we have loyal women like yourself to approach the ministers and secure from them the pledge that there shall be no interference with the work being done by the women's societies. General Assembly has given the women of our Church a definite work to do and we can not be loyal to this commission unless we keep the funds of the women for this specific work. Then, let us be loyal to our own organization, even though we welcome every effort that will secure from the men of the church co-operation in both Home and Foreign Missions.

Trusting that your spring presbyterials may be successful, I am,

Cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, March 17, 1905.

Mrs. S. C. Farrar,

Clayton Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Farrar:-

Your letter of March 15th at hand, and we are quite sure that Dr. Kinsey Smith will give you a good address at your presbyterial meeting. Dr. Smith has so recently come from Kentucky, and when there was in quite close touch with our mountain work.

While Miss Petrie would have been glad to have attended your meeting, in the multiplicity of dates that have to be filled at this time of the year, it suits her just as well not to come.

And now about your thank offering:- The appeal for the Tucson school was for the additional $2,000 necessary for the expenses of this year, as the appropriation was cut last year from $12,000 to $10,000; but Mr. Brown did not have it in his heart to turn away any pupils that could be accommodated, with the result that when only ten months of the year had passed all the appropriation was exhausted. Accordingly, we made the appeal for that extra amount, but as this school needs a new building very much, and there has been constant increase of expenditure, we are making the Tucson school the subject of our summer offering. If you desire to divide your thank offering between the putting up of the building at Ozone, Tenn., and assist in the erection of the new building at Tucson, it

will meet with our hearty approval. At least $600 will be needed to complete and furnish the building at Ozone, and if your ladies could be urged to increase their gifts so that they could complete that building and still give something to the building at Tucson, it would be a double attraction and would mean double interest in your thank offering. Could you raise an equal amount for the Tucson building?

The cost of maintaining our boarding schools has greatly increased this year because of the increased cost of living, and the high price of coal, so that is the reason we are asking for an advance. We are hoping to get some of this money through special appeals, but still want our auxiliaries to raise as much as they can.

I trust you are recovered from your accident and will soon be able to be about again.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 16, 1905.

Mrs. F. V. L. Brokaw,

San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Brokaw:-

Your communication in regard to the work among the Chinese in St. Louis was presented at a meeting of the Woman's Board several weeks ago, and then referred to the new Committee on Work among the Foreign-speaking people. This committee carefully looked into the matter, and found that in California the work among the Chinese is under the Foreign Board; that the work among the Chinese in most of our cities is cared for by a City Mission Society or by the individual churches, and the committee decided to "recommend no action with regard to the Chinese work in St. Louis; that it is work that is already established, and there is no reason why it should not be continued by the St. Louis churches, and could see no advantage in bringing the work under the care of the Woman's Board."

This may seem to you summary action in the matter, but could you be here at the office and see the many appeals that come to us for local work, all of which touch our hearts but for which there is no money, you would realize why we can not undertake any new work unless the money is in sight for carrying it on.

Trusting that you may be enabled to enlist the people of St. Louis in this work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 16, 1905.

Mrs. Jesse Allen,

Ellsworth, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

A few weeks ago the Rev. Bela Basso, pastor of a Hungarian Church in Youngstown, Ohio, called to see us in reference to the Woman's Board educating a young Hungarian girl. He thinks she ought to have a three years' course in the Missionary Training School at Cleveland.

The enclosed letter, which he prepared for an appeal some time ago, explains the situation. The matter was referred to our Committee on Work among the Foreign-speaking people, and after due deliberation they report the following:- "In the matter of educating the young girl mentioned in Mr. Basso's letter, it was noted that he spoke of her as already well educated, and it was suggested that she could begin work under his supervision without a full three years' course in the Cleveland Bible School. Recommended that the ladies of Youngstown be asked to meet her, investigate the situation, and, if further education be necessary, be asked to raise the required $125.00 as an extra."

As this is within the bounds of your presbytery, it seemed best to refer it to you, and if you can not meet the young lady, perhaps you could commission the Youngstown ladies to look

into the matter for you. What would you think of your presbyterial society taking up this matter as an extra, in the event it was found that the young woman needed more education? I understand she speaks very little English now, but as her work would be among her own people a great amount of English would not be required, and she has spent this year in Dr. Schauffler's school in Cleveland. We shall be glad to hear from you in reference to the matter.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole

Dictated. New York, March 16, 1905.

Miss Mary G. Burdette,

2411 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ills.

Dear Miss Burdette:-

Ever since our observance of the Day of Prayer I have been intending to write you and tell you what a successful day we had in our all day meeting here at 156 Fifth Avenue. The room was crowded nearly all day, and the power of the Spirit was wonderfully manifested. I am informed that at the meeting in the Methodist Book Concern, 150 Fifth Avenue, the same week, there was also a large attendance, and great interest manifested.

I tell you this because after having prepared a program it is interesting to know how it works out in the hands of others.

The enclosed letter has come to us and I pass it along to you, as you may know where you got your information, not with the desire to criticise the program at all but because I know you can satisfy this good woman who does not understand.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 17, 1905.

Mrs. W. H. Hubbard,
1427 North Meridian St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Hubbard:-

I received your letter of March 14th and was just about to write you for the information which it contained. Our copy for the Home Mission Monthly must be ready so long in advance that I shall need the information in another week.

I have written Mrs. Breckenridge asking that rooms be reserved for the office force. This will require seven rooms, and perhaps eight, if my stenographer should come with me. This has not yet been decided, and I can not let you know for a little time.

It is certainly very kind of your Committee to invite us to remain for "Laymen's Day" at General Assembly, and I feel quite sure we shall be glad to accept the invitation. I will present it at the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday.

In regard to the number of missionaries who will be present I can not say yet, but we usually have one from each field, and as I understand it, entertainment will be provided for them also.

It seems to us that it will be wiser to hold the Friday meeting in Daguerre Memorial Building; the reception to the missionaries on Saturday morning and the conferences on Tuesday and Wednes-

day afternoons in the chapel of the Inn; the popular meeting will, of course, be held in the Assembly's Auditorium. We are looking forward to these meetings with a great deal of pleasure, and trust that there will not only be a large attendance but that they may be noteworthy in that they shown the devotion of the workers to the cause of Christ.

I note your postal in which you ask me to call the attention of the ladies to the importance of stating how long they will remain at Winona Lake. This I shall do in my notes for the Home Mission Monthly, and also in the personal letters which I will send to the synodical officers.

Our party from New York will probably arrive on Wednesday evening, May 17th, as we need to be present the day before the Annual meeting to arrange details that demand attention.

We shall probably have to exchange a good many letters between now and May 19th, but do not hesitate to write me if it is necessary and I shall certainly not hesitate to write you.

Anticipating with pleasure the annual gathering of Home Mission women, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 22, 1905.

Miss Amanda Kerr,
318 Parsons St.,
Easton, Penna.

Dear Miss Kerr:-

Your letter asking for information about our school at Erwin, Tenn., at hand. As I had the privilege of visiting our school there last fall, I am very glad to tell you something about it.

Erwin is on the narrow guage railroad, about twenty-five miles from Johnson City, Tenn., and very near the North Carolina border. Our property there consists of a good school, the Dwight Memorial, named in honor of the gentleman who erected the building, John Dwight. He died about a year ago, but his family are still interested in the school. The teachers' home is very comfortable and located not far from the school building. The entire plant is about a mile from the village of Erwin, and in a pleasant grove. The teachers are, Miss Gertrude M. Summons and Miss A. L. Wintzer, while Miss Gates, formerly one of our teachers, has spent the winter with them and acts as their housekeeper.

School begins at eight o'clock in the morning and continues until four in the afternoon. After school closes, the teachers among the people. There is a Presbyterian Church in Erwin, but no pastor, a manse, but it is unoccupied. Accordingly, the teachers have charge of the mid-week prayer meeting, conduct the Sabbath

school on Sabbath morning, and the Christian Endeavor meeting in the evening; in addition to this, walk two and one-half miles over to Rocky Creek, where they hold a Sabbath school in the afternoon. They are devoted, faithful workers, and do all they can for the advancement of the school interests. All told, there are about seventy five pupils in the school, and the work is continued through the eighth grade.

When there I visited some of the native homes, as well as the public school. This public school is taught by a woman and her husband. I state it this way, because the women is the County School Commissioner and teaches the higher grades, while her husband has the primary department. I wish you could have seen that dirty school, the disorderly arrangement of the books, with no equipment of desks, and the two teachers teaching in the same room, and then compare it with our neat, comfortable, mission school building - the people call it a college - with its well equipped desks, and the general appearance of tidiness, and I am sure you would realize that not only the Bible instruction was helping these pepple to a better life but that the neatness and order and the culture of our teachers would help them to see the better way.

We called in one of the native cabins the morning I left. "Aunt Dine," as they call her, is quite a character. She was "powerful proud" to see us, and wanted us to come right in and sit down. Her cabin was, I presume, of the better sort. Some one had given her a roll of samples of well paper, and she had papered the room with these samples, so that there were about twenty-five different kinds of paper on the wall. They told her I was the representative of the Board, and when she had looked me all over, she

(Miss Kerr, Jr.)

said, "My, you look jes like us! You look like her and her and her, and you look jes like us," and I looked around upon those good women, every one of whom had a snuff stick in her mouth or her lower lip stuffed with snuff, and I wondered whether it was a compliment or not, but she thought it was one.

I have given you this little sketch of the work there thinking that it might help you to interest your society in what the teachers are trying to do, and as we have no literature on the subject thought this might meet your need.

Trusting that you may be able to help the good workers there, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, March 22, 1905.

Miss V. M. White,

200 West 78th St., City.

Dear Miss White:-

Mrs. Jones desires me to ask you to be present at a Committee meeting on Tuesday afternoon, March 28th, to consider plans for the Annual meeting. She says for me to say that if you can not be present all day, be sure to be here in the afternoon, though, of course, she will be very glad to have you in the morning as well.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 24, 1905.

Miss V. M. White,

200 West 78th St., City.

Dear Miss White:-

Mrs. James feels that the Bible study in our mission schools ought to be systematized. As it is, from three-quarters to an hour each day is devoted to this subject, but there is no prescribed course of study, and she thinks that if a regular course of study were outlined in this as in other branches, it would be better for the schools and the pupils would more thoroughly understand the Bible as a whole. Accordingly, she has appointed a committee, of which Mrs. William Nelson, 288 Broadway, Paterson, N. J., is chairman, and asks you to be one of its members. Without doubt, Mrs. Nelson will call a committee meeting in the near future, when you can talk over plans and so divide the work as to come to the quickest conclusion.

Hoping that you will consent to serve, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 24, 1905.

Mrs. V. P. Boggs,

513 Bessemer Building,

Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Boggs:-

There are two important matters about which I must write you. First, in regard to this leaflet, "Important Statement." It did not occur to us until after the leaflet was printed that you might object to having your name in the heading. It seemed desirable to send out this document on official paper, and as your name is on our official paper, it was reprinted here. The leaflets have not, however, been sent out as yet, and I hope the document will not meet with your disapproval. We all recognize the need of temperance work on the mission fields, and I am sure there is not one of us but what wants to help. I am sure you feel the need of it in the Freedmen's work, while we must, however, keep the organization free for the specific purpose for which it was framed, that of gathering money for the educational work.

In regard to the other matter:- A letter has come to us from the President of the Colorado Synodical saying that Mrs. Storer will attend their presbyterial meetings this spring, which are called Home and Foreign Presbyterials, and I quote a sentence

from her letter: "It has just come to my ears that she is sent out here to educate our auxiliaries to first take out a portion for the Freedmen out of all mission funds, and then divide the remainder equally between the Home and Foreign."

I am also in receipt of a strong protest from the Board of the Northwest against what they believe to be the action of somebody in authorizing this method of work. We can not but feel that there is some mistake, because we are sure that, although authority was granted by General Assembly for the women's societies to contribute to the Freedmen's work, it was not expected that any funds would be taken from Home or Foreign missionary contributions, but that all such money would be an extra.

The money coming from the Colorado Synodical is all pledged money, upon which we depend for the conduct of our work, so that if these societies take up the Freedmen's work, it must be entirely an extra, not encroaching at all upon the contributions upon which we depend from these societies. Of course, societies can contribute to the Freedmen's work but must not allow it to interfere with the work which is already established.

I am sure you can straighten this matter out, and that there is no desire on your part to interfere with our work. An early reply will be appreciated.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 24, 1905.

Mrs. William Nelson,

288 Broadway, Paterson, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Nelson:-

Mrs. James is desirous of having a regular course of Bible study prepared for our mission schools. The Bible is taught in all of them - usually from three-quarters of an hour to an hour each day being devoted to this subject - but we have no settled course of study, and each teacher teaches the best way she knows how. Mrs. James feels that it would be far better if there were a systematic course of study, covering probably three grades - primary, intermediate and the higher grades, and has appointed a committee, of which she hopes you will consent to be chairman to formulate such a course of study.

We know you have been in touch with Professor Wilbert White of the Bible Training School, and we are quite sure that he will be willing to give you some suggestions. You might, also, get recommendations from other Bible Training Schools.

The other members of the committee are: Mrs. D. S. Gregory, 463 West 153rd St., New York City; Mrs. D. P. Birnie, Rye, New York, and Miss V. M. White, 200 West 78th St., New York City. Possibly it would be well for you to appoint a meeting here at the office, when your committee can confer and formulate some plans for getting information that will be helpful to them.

Hoping that you will consent to be chairman of this committee, and realizing the need of systematic Bible study along uniform lines in all our mission schools, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, March 24, 1905.

Mrs. S. J. Bogle,

Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Bogle:-

Your letter of March 22nd, telling how successful you have been in collecting funds in your presbyterial society for furnishing a room in the "Mary E. James' School for Mexican Boys," at hand, and we are all greatly pleased.

A letter from Ohio this morning suggests that it would be very nice to furnish a second room in honor of Miss Patterson, who, for twenty years, has served Ohio Synodical as secretary. If all the presbyteries do as well as St. Clairsville, it looks to me as if there would be enough for the two rooms.

As we approach the close of the fiscal year we have a good deal of anxiety lest we may be obliged to report a debt, but money is coming in well and we trust all obligations will be met.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, March 24, 1905.

Miss Julia H. Johnston,

1008 Hamilton St., Peoria, Ills.

Dear Miss Johnston:-

We shall be very glad to furnish you material for your interdenominational text book, No. 3. I presume you have some of the things we have here in the office, but I will send you what we have and what you do not need you can return.

We are about to change our superintendent at the San Juan Hospital, and am afraid it would be difficult for you get a special letter just now. However, we will send you what we have in regard to the hospital.

Are you to include New Mexico in your work, because we count them Spanish-speaking people, as well as those in Cuba and Porto Rico.

I presume you know that we have recently issued some books - one entitled, "The Redemption of the Red Man," by Miss Belle Brain; and the other "The Mexicans," by Rev. Mr. Craig, our Synodical Missionary. The price of these books is thirty-five cents each, and I am in doubt as to whether these are what you want, or whether the leaflets would be of more service to you. You may have had the books, so I believe I will not send them until I hear from you.

Will you be at General Assembly this year. We are already deep in the midst of plans for it, and are hoping it may be a time of blessing for all of us.

With very pleasant memories of our meeting in Buffalo, and hoping the literature sent may be of service to you, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 24, 1905.

Miss C. M. Stephens,

Tappan, New York.

Dear Miss Stephens:-

Yours of March 23rd just at hand.

I know of nothing now which will prevent my coming to Passaic, Thursday, April 20th, for your meeting at 3.30 P. M. Kindly send me time card, that I may know just when to leave New York.

I trust your meeting may be a very successful one and am glad to have this opportunity to meet with you.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 24, 1905.

Mrs. John Junkin Francis,

530 West Seventh St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Francis:-

Your letter of March 27th just at hand, and we appreciate your thought in wanting to honor Miss Patterson, who has served your Synod so acceptably and so faithfully for nearly twenty years. I am filled with sorrow every time I receive a letter from Miss Patterson these days, because her writing seems so irregular and it looks as if she would not be able to continue many years longer as Synodical Secretary.

The plan of having rooms named in honor of Synodical Presidents did not originate in the office but was suggested by Iowa, and it occurred to us that other Synods might like so to honor their synodical presidents and, of course, in sending the plan out we could not make any exceptions. However, if Ohio should desire to furnish two rooms, and could raise a sufficient amount, I am sure that it could be arranged for; then, one could be named in honor of Mrs. Houston and the other in honor of Miss Patterson.

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Bogle, of Martins Ferry, saying that St. Clairsville Presbyterial had been asked to give five to ten dollars, but that they sent $12.00, so that perhaps a suggestion from you to presbyterial secretaries, telling what

you have in mind, would bring a sufficient amount for the two rooms. I am sure it would give the ladies of your society a great deal of pleasure to do this, and it is beautiful to give flowers to our friends while they are with us rather than to wait until they are gone. If you could have this money all in hand before General Assembly it would be very nice, because we hope to announce, at the Annual meeting, the names of those who have been so honored, and this could be kept a complete surprise from Miss Patterson, as well as Mrs. Houston.

I remember so pleasntly my visit to Cincinnati, and although there was little time for personal acquaintance yet feel that I know you all, because Ohio was my native State. Remember me very kindly to Dr. Francis.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 25, 1905.

Mrs. S. C. Dickey,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Dickey:-

Your letter of recent date received. It is very kind of you to plan a reception for the workers during General Assembly. We have been talking about it a little here in the office, but as there is a committee meeting on Tuesday to formulate plans for the Annual meeting, I think it would be well to defer final action until that time. It is probable, however, that Tuesday afternoon will suit the ladies best, unless there is nothing going on on Saturday afternoon.

We always send notices of the Annual meeting to all the Presbyterian papers so, although you have planned for a notice in the Interior and Herald and Presbyter, I am sure it will not conflict with a more extended notice giving some details of the program, which we will send. This will probably be sent out in a week or two, and we usually make it cover about three-fourths of a column.

These are busy days here at the office, but you will hear from me again next week in regard to this matter.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

daughter, but bear their sorrow with Christian fortitude and rejoice that her life was all given to the Master.

Remember me very kindly to all the faculty.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, March 23, 1905.

Miss Susan M. Clute,

Room 60, Kennedy Building,

289 Fourth Ave., City.

Dear Miss Clute:-

I have heard from Miss Anna D. Casler of the Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville, N. C., that she will be available for your conference at Silver Bay, July 7th to 17th. Miss Casler is a very charming young woman, mature enough to have a large influence over other girls, and I am sure you will find her winning and helpful. Kindly let us know if this meets with your approval, that we may give Miss Casler definite instructions.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1905.

Mrs. W. J. McElroy,

3839 Cedar St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mrs. McElroy:-

The twenty-sixth Annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be held on Friday, May 19th, in the Daguerre Memorial Building, Winona Lake, Indiana. The usual meetings will follow: the popular meeting on Sunday afternoon, in the Assembly's Auditorium; the informal conference sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will be held in the chapel of The Inn.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 23rd, the synodical reports will be presented. A change will be introduced this year in the method of presenting them. After a statement by the Secretary of the Board as to the financial standing of your synodical society, your representative will be asked to tell how your special work has been carried on, and if an advance has been made, what methods have been used; if you have fallen behind, what has been the reason?

An opportunity for discussion will be given.

Can you gain suggestions from presbyterial officers which will aid in giving the desired information?

In order that each synodical society may have an equal chance to be represented in this symposium, kindly notify your dele-

gate that she is expected to confine her remarks to three minutes.

We call your attention to the following resolution passed at the Annual meeting of 1904:- "Resolved, That each synod numbering one hundred fifty societies or less be given two vice-presidents on the Woman's Board, in every case one of these to be the Synodical President, and the other active in Home Mission work; for every additional 150 societies one vice-president may be added." Kindly notify us by April 20th whom you desire to represent your synodical society in the list of vice-presidents.

We hope that the synodical officers themselves - one or both - may represent their own synods, and we ask your prayers for a blessing upon all the meetings.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1905.

Mrs. W. H. Hubbard,
1427 North Meridian St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Hubbard:-

We had a conference yesterday in regard to the plans for the annual meeting, and I think they are now well under way. We have decided to bring our own stenographer with us, and will probably bring with us the head of our Literature Department to look after our literature. She will need some assistance, however, and possibly one or two of the Secretaries of Literature in your Synod can be secured to help her in her duties.

In regard to the matter of badges:- Will you provide them? It is usually customary for the entertaining society to do so. They will be of four kinds, and it is better to have them of four different colors, and lettered as I give you the lettering now:

1st. OFFICER OF THE BOARD. (twelve.)

2nd. SYNODICAL OFFICER. (forty)

3rd. PRESBYTERIAL OFFICER. (It is difficult to tell how many of these will be required, but I think one hundred and fifty would be amply sufficient. While officers and members of auxiliary societies will be cordially welcomed, yet it does not seem to us advisable to furnish badges for other than the four classes mentioned.)

4th. MISSIONARY. (thirty.)

While you may have other plans so far as the color of the ribbons are concerned, it seems to us that the badge of the Officer of the Board should be white; Synodical officer's light blue; Presbyterial Officer, dark blue, and missionary, yellow, as they would then be easily distinguished. Of course, this is only a suggestion, and you are at liberty to arrange these matters as you think best. We can not at this early date tell just how many missionaries will be present, but it is a great treat to them to come to the Annual meeting and we should not want any one of them to feel slighted if they could not have a badge. Of course, I only speak so far as the Woman's Board's missionaries are concerned; for the Foreign workers you can make your own plans.

I presume you will see to the matter of providing ushers, and they will need badges; they will only be needed on Friday, as at the other meetings the attendance will not be so large.

I have written Mrs. Dickey that Tuesday afternoon, May 23rd, at 4.30 o'clock, will be the time most agreeable to us for a reception, as she asked us in regard to it.

I may have to write you a good many letters, so you can count that my messages come to you on the installment plan. I will, however, try not to bother you oftener than I can help.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

P. S. Our ladies very cordially accept the invitation to remain over Thursday after our meetings close, and it will be a great delight to us to enjoy one day at the Assembly after the duties of our Annual meeting are over. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in extending the invitation.

Dictated.

New York, March 29, 1905.

Mrs. J. C. Breckenridge,

Winona Lake, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Breckenridge:-

Your letter saying that seven rooms had been reserved for the officers of the Board at hand. I write now to say that my stenographer, Miss Minnie Moore, will be with us, and we want a room reserved for her; and it is very probable that Miss S. Catherine Rue, the head of our Literature Department, will be there also, and take care of the literature for the Board and the Woman's Board. Mrs. Flora B. Palmer will also be at the Assembly, and we shall be glad to have a room reserved for her; she will notify you of the time of her arrival, and she will remain at least until Wednesday evening.

I can not yet tell you about the missionaries, but there will be six of them, and I think they will be satisfied to share two in a room. Will let you know definitely about them as soon as we know ourselves. How about the missionaries my wife will be entertained at the Inn, with the other workers? Dr. Richard told me, when he was here, that the management would entertain the officers of the Board and those when it was necessary for us to bring to the conduct of our work there, and the missionaries. I am

sure they will all count it a great privilege to be at the hotel where they would be in daily conference with the workers.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1905.

Mrs. E. P. Wakeman,

[illegible] Henry St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wakeman:

Enclosed is a typewritten copy of the letter sent by Mrs. Caldwell in regard to your Bible reader, Petronia. As it appeared to Step I copy here, we thought you would enjoy the typewritten copy, as it is easier to read.

I wish to congratulate you on having the opportunity of having Miss Stanger at your presbyterian meeting, and I hope that it may be a very helpful gathering for Miss Wakeman. Miss Stanger is an excellent speaker, and she will aid your workers.

With best wishes for the success of your work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 31, 1905.

Mrs. V. P. Boggs,

513 Bessemer Building,

Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Boggs:-

Your letter of March 25th at hand. We were sure there was some mistake, and that there was needless alarm on the part of the workers in Colorado. We certainly had given no authorization in regard to the matter, and inasmuch as the societies are both Home and Foreign, and the cost of administration is eqaully divided between the two organizations, we do not feel as if, even though General Assembly has authorized our societies to contribute toward the Freedmen's work, all of that money ought to be taken out of Home Mission funds. The plan of Nebraska and Kansas of two-fifths for Home; two-fifths for Foreign, and one-fifth for Freedmen, seems the best arrangement, as the Freedmen's Board has access to the churches and neither the Woman's Home Missionary Societies or the Foreign have such access. I am sure the matter will be adjusted rightly, and trust that Mrs. Storer may have a pleasant trip.

I am glad that you recognize the value of temperance instruction in the mission schools. For years I have been a temperance worker and naturally would want to do everything I could to advance that work. I do not believe, however, that the organization

of the Woman's Home Missionary Societies ought to be changed in character and scope to include any other object, however important, than that for which its commission was issued by General Assembly. However, no earnest mission worker can fail to see that strong drink stands in the way of the Gospel, and that among the exceptional peoples, whether they be white, red or black, drinking ruins, debauches and prevents young people from living Christian lives. I believe there ought to be temperance instruction in all our schools and that the curse of drinking ought to be presented in such a way that the young people will voluntarily become total abstainers. This can be done as a part of school work and as a part of Christian effort, and we who have a part in the administration can do a good deal toward that end by our efforts and encouragement.

Miss Jackson called here yesterday in great trouble. Since she has been in New York one of her eyes has been greatly inflamed, and on the advice of Mrs. James she went to the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, and as soon as the doctor examined it he said there was a malignant growth upon the eye ball, and an operation must be performed at once to remove that growth. He could not tell its nature, but in any event, the trouble was deep seated and that the operation must be performed. Miss Jackson is very tired and became exceedingly nervous about it. The doctor made an appointment for the following day, but she was still unwilling to have the operation performed. She came here yesterday to talk with us about it, and we tried to get some information about it from the physician, whom we consider is well fitted for his work. I called him upon the phone and had a long talk with him last night. He seemed like a

(Mrs. Boggs, #2.)

very nice gentleman, and seemed greatly interested in the case. He said Miss Jackson would have every care, and if she could arrange to come to Brooklyn and board there for a week he will himself dress the eye every day. There will be no charge for this, and he told me she should have every care. He has made an appointment with her for to-morrow afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, and as he is coming over from Brooklyn to New York for the special purpose of performing the operation, I trust she will consent to have it done. It will only take a few minutes, and she will not have to take ether but cocoaine, but she is badly frightened about it, and in her weakened, nervous condition is more afraid than she need to be. The doctor told me he would let me know just what the trouble was after the operation, as he wanted to have a microscopical examination and must have it before him before he can tell just what the trouble is. Should anything unforeseen occur, I will let you know.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 30, 1906.

Miss Edith L. Flagler,

Farm School, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Flagler:-

Knowing that you are planning to spend the summer at Chautauqua, I thought perhaps you did not know that the Chautauqua Presbyterian Association has furnished rooms free of charge, with reduced prices for table board for missionaries. You may know all about it, but if you do not, we are sure you will be glad of the information.

I presume spring is coming down at Asheville and that you are rejoicing in the fact that the grass is green and the trees are beginning to leaf. We have had a few warm days but it looks tonight as if a storm were approaching.

Trusting that the work is progressing nicely at Asheville, and with pleasant memories of my visit there, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen F. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 30, 1905.

Mrs. Walter Mead,

1828 Vallejo St.,

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Mead:-

The twenty-sixth Annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be held on Friday, May 19th, in the Daguerre Memorial Building, Winona Lake, Indiana. The usual meetings will folow, viz.: the popular meeting on Sunday afternoon in the Assembly's Auditorium; the informal conference sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will be held in the chapel of The Inn.

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An opportunity for discussion will be given.

Can you gain suggestions from presbyterial officers which will aid in giving the desired information?

In order that each synodical society may have an equal chance to be represented in this symposium, kindly notify your delegate that she is expected to confine her remarks to three minutes.

We call your attention to the following resolution passed at the Annual meeting of 1904:- "Resolved, That each synod numbering 150 societies or less be given two vice-presidents on the Woman's Board, in every case one of these to be the Synodical President, and the other active in Home Mission work; for every additional 150 societies one vice-president may be added." Kindly notify us by April 20th whom you desire to represent your synodical society in the list of vice-presidents.

We hope that the synodical officers themselves - one or both - may represent their own synods, and we ask your prayers for a blessing upon all the meetings.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen Boole

Dictated. New York, March 31, 1905.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,

1244 Hyde St., San Francisco, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

The twenty-sixth Annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be held on Friday, May 19th, in the Daguerre Memorial Building, Winona Lake, Indiana, with the usual meetings following, viz.: the popular meeting on Sunday afternoon, in the Assembly's Auditorium; the informal conference of synodical officers on Monday afternoon, and the usual synodical conference sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the chapel of The Inn. We earnestly hope that you are to represent your synod at these meetings, or failing that, that the Synodical Secretary may come, since the conference of synodical officers is desirable. If such representation is not possible, however, and you find it practicable to send as your delegate some one who is planning to attend General Assembly, kindly instruct her as to her part in the program, and also send me her name.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 23rd, the synodical reports will be presented. A change will be introduced this year in the method of presenting them. After a statement by the Secretary of the Board as to the financial standing of your synodical society, your representative will be asked to tell, in three minutes, how your

special work has been carried on, and if an advance has been made, what methods have been used; if you have fallen behind, what has been the reason? We desire special emphasis in each case to be placed upon the strong points of your society, and have so notified your Secretary.

An opportunity for discussion will be given.

We shall be glad to know what the representation from your synod will be by April 20th, if possible, in order that we may prepare the program and select committees. We hope for your presence - and your prayers in any case.

Very cordially yours,

Elliot Boole

Dictated. New York, April 8, 1905.

Rev. A. Grant Evans,

Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

We are in receipt of the March number of "The Kendall Collegian," and have examined it very carefully. The new cover is attractive, and much of the subject matter is good. I desire to call attention, however, to several things: first, on page 149 is a notice of "A Colonial Ball." While it is not stated in this notice whether there was dancing at this ball or not, it hardly seems to us that it was very dignified in a school supported by the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church to have such a notice appear; on the last half of that same column is an account of an escapade in the matron's room, which, while doubtless undertaken in a spirit of fun, it is certainly not well to advertise, as such an affair was not only not dignified but in the minds of many seem to show lack of discipline in the school.

The outside appearance of the paper is good, but the general make up of it shows very careless proof reading, and I am sending you by this mail a marked copy, calling attention to the large number of errors. It may be that the excuse will be offered that the proof reading is done by the students, but that is no excuse, for no paper ought to be issued from an institution of the standing of "Henry Kendall College" that does not have oversight on

the part of the teachers, and pupils are not being properly trained who will not take a just pride in having a paper of this kind go before the public as nearly perfect as possible.

From long experience in college papers, I must confess I have never seen poorer work from any school than is exhibited in the proof reading of "The Kendall Collegian." This may seem strong language, but I confess to you that we at the office are heart sick. We have taken great pride in "Henry Kendall," our one college, but if we were to send this publication to the patrons who supply money for your institution, we fear they would say that we were doing very poor work.

On the page bearing the announcements of the college, there are not only mistakes in proof reading but even the name of the institution responsible for the salaries is wrong. It is true that the Woman's Board is a part of the Board of Home Missions, but you would not even know that there was a Board of Home Missions; as the Woman's Board raises the money for the carrying on of that work, the simple acknowledgment of that fact would be just.

Will you kindly confer with the editors of the paper and give them just as much of this criticism on the paper as you think will be for their good, but we here in the office believe that the paper ought not to be issued unless under the supervision of the faculty and that, as is customary in most schools, some member of the faculty ought to be delegated to read the final proof and help make up the dummy, that nothing may appear which will give to the public wrong impressions.

(Mr. Evans, #2.)

I trust you will accept this criticims in the spirit in which we give it. We have high ideals for out schools. In pleading for funds, we believe that we ought to be able to say to the people that, while our schools are mission schools, in addition to religious training, we give a better education than is being given by other schools of like grade. Our standard is high, but we do not believe it higher thanought to be maintained. We know that the members of the faculty at "Henry Kendall College" are well qualified for their work, and are sure that no publication ought to go from the school, even though it is undertaken with the desire to teach the pupils printing, that is not a credit to an institution of the grade of "Henry Kendall." We believe the pupils will be helped more by maintaining a high grade than a low grade, and the fact that they are permitted to issue a paper gotten out in a slip-shod manner is an injury rather than a help.

Hoping that the next number of the paper, which we will read with very great care, may be an object lesson of how well your pupils can do their work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, April 12, 1905.

Mrs. Joseph Gamble,

15 Broad St., Plattsburgh, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Gamble:-

Your blank containing the directory of the Home Missionary Societies in the Presbytery of Champlain at hand. Thank you very much for your promptness and the careful manner in which the blank is made out.

We appreciate how much labor there is in it, but it is part of the work of the organization to keep the machinery in order; and these blanks are very helpful to us here, as they are the only means of getting a complete list of all our societies.

Thanking you for your efforts to have this accurate,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

Elliot Boole

Dictated. New York, April 24, 1905.

Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D.,

Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Roberts:-

I write in reference to the popular meeting in connection with General Assembly, which is to be held on Sunday afternoon, May 21st, at 3 P. M., in the Assembly's Auditorium. As this is a scheduled meeting in connection with the other meetings of General Assembly, we had not written you in reference to it, but presumed that it would be arranged for.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, will preside at this meeting, and there will be short addresses by representatives from each of our fields. At this date we can not give you the names of all the speakers, but can assure you that it will be an interesting and profitable meeting.

Very truly yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. April 27, 1916.

Miss Katherine H. Crowell,

75 Evergreen Place,

E. Orange, N.J.

My dear Miss Crowell

We have just read your article on "How to Interest Children in Missions" in the Missionary Review of the World, and are delighted with it.

I have written the Rev. Mr. Pierson asking if would give us the privilege of reprinting it, but you know, of course, that we want to substitute Alaska for the chapter on Japan. As we want to use Alaska for Juniors next year, and want all Mission Band members to use it in their course of study, this leaflet will be extremely useful, and we would like to have it printed in time to take with us to the Annual meeting in connection with General Assembly. Could we get you to revise that part of the article so as to make it applicable to Alaska, and in the event Mr. Pierson gives his consent would you be willing that we should publish it? We are sure that it would be very helpful to our Band secretaries and Band leaders, and know that you with us, are interested in giving to those who lead the children, the very best helps that we can offer. As the time is very short until

the annual meeting an early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. April 27, 1905.

Rev. Delavan Pierson,

℅ Funk & Wagnalls,

44 East 23rd St. N. Y. City,

Dear Mr. Pierson:-

In a copy of the Missionary Review of the World received yesterday, on page 355, is a most excellent article on "How to Interest Children in Home Missions" by Miss Crowell.

On behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions I hereby ask permission to reprint this article, of course with such changes as will make it applicable to Home Mission work. We would like to have it printed in leaflet form, and insert instead of the chapter on Japan, a chapter on the study of Alaska, as Miss Crowell has just completed a book for us on Alaska for Juniors.

We will, of course, confer with her in regard to the matter, and ask her to prepare this chapter for us in such a way that it will be in harmony with her book.

As the time is very short until we leave for General Assembly a prompt answer will be greatly appreciated. I hope that you can grant the request as we believe the article will be exceedingly useful. We will, of course, give you credit for it in our reprint as taken from the Missionary Review.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, April 28, 1905.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,

1344 Hyde St., San Francisco, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

We are very glad that you can be present with us at the Annual meeting at Winona Lake and have a part in the meetings of the Woman's Board. I write at the request of the program committee and Mrs. James to ask you to preside at the Wednesday afternoon meeting. This will consist of two talks, one by Mrs. Palmer on Home Mission Work from the Standpoint of a Synodical Visitor, and one by Mrs. McCrea on Home Mission work from the Standpoint of a Visitor to the Field. This will be followed by a Workers' Round-table, in which important problems bearing on Home Mission work will be considered. Some of the questions are: "How much advance is the Woman's Board justified in asking of missionary societies each year to meet the natural growth of the work? What can be done for teachers who, after long years of service, are disabled?" and similar questions which will be arranged in form and given you on your arrival at Winona Lake. The thought was that different ones should be asked to open the discussion on each topic, with a five or ten minute talk, and as we do not know, until the last minute, who will be there, little can be planned beforehand, but we want you to preside, and if the questions can be arranged in time for me to notify you before you leave home, I will send them to you. I am so

glad to have this opportunity of meeting you, for I do not feel that we are strangers even though we have never met face to face.

You will rejoice to know that the receipts for this year have been larger than in any single year since the organization of the Woman's Board, having reached the fine total of $475,000, which includes $73,000 designated for the Freedmen's work.

The anniversary offering is nearly $48,000, and with pledges already made and accrued interest, we think it will reach the full $50,000 by September. These are just two items that you may want to pass along to your societies before leaving home.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A Boole

Dictated. New York, April 28, 1905.

Miss Katherin R. Crowell,

75 Evergreen Place, East Orange, N. J.

Dear Miss Crowell:-

Mr. Delevan Pierson was in this morning and very cordially gives his consent for the Woman's Board to publish in leaflet form your article on "How to Interest Children in Missions." Very little change will need to be made; but we would prefer to have you make what changes are necessary, giving for specimen subject Alaska, which we will push with all our Bands next year.

Our subject for Junior C. E's. is the "Endeavor Hall" in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, and a suggestion in regard to that might be incorporated, as it would make it possible for leaders in Junior C. E's. to use it also.

We are greatly delighted that we are able to publish your article, and as I wrote you yesterday, we want to have it published for our Annual meeting. As we leave for Winona Lake May 16th, you see there is very little time, so we shall be very greatly obliged if you will furnish us with the suggestions at once. If you can not do so, let us know about that and we will try to get some one else to do it, but confess to you that we believe it but right that you should do it, since the article is yours.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, May 1, 1905.

Mrs. S. B. Fisk,
1554 Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Fisk:-

Your letter of April 25th at hand, and I was glad to hear from you. No earnest worker in the missionary cause, who understands the situation at all, can fail to realize that temperance work becomes a necessity on the mission field, and although I have given years of service to the temperance reform, I never saw greater need for that work than I do to-day. However, I believe that organizations are called for a specific work, and that as our missionary society is organized for the specific work of gathering funds for the Home Mission work that is the kind of work it must do.

On the field, however, the temperance work comes in as a part of the whole Gospel, and as such should be presented.

You ask if I never talk temperance when I am giving missionary talks. I certainly do not give a temperance address when I am scheduled to give a missionary talk. I do tell of temperance work that is being done on the field, and that is perfectly legitimate, but my temperance work at home I do entirely under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, or some other such society. I believe that organization has its specific work just as the missionary society has, and I shall not hesitate to do what I can to

help it, but we do not purpose to complicate matters by changing the nature of the missionary society, nor introduce into it anything which might be of a devisive nature.

During my years of service in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union I always took the position that that organization ought to be used for its specific work, and that money ought not to be contributed by Local Unions for missionary work, because there were societies framed for that purpose.

I enclose a copy of the "Important Statement," which has just been issued by our Board, and assure you that when the matter was discussed that our ladies were a unit in the desire to have the temperance work presented on the field and that the spirit of co-operation; that is, the missionary women joining a temperance society to do temperance work, and temperance women joining a missionary society to do missionary work, was plainly manifest.

I always wear my white ribbon and am glad to help whenever possible, but do not expect to use the missionary society to advance the temperance work, except that in all our mission stations I shall urge our teachers in every legitimate way to help the temperance work among the exceptional people as a part of the presentation of the whole Gospel, and because the using of strong drink hinders the work of Christ.

I do not know that I have made myself perfectly clear in this matter, but certainly I have strong convictions.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Beach,

Dictated. New York, May 6, 1905.

Mrs. S. Beach Jones,

948 Lexington Ave., City.

Dear Mrs. Jones:-

Mrs. James was over yesterday and with the office force we went very carefully over the report of your committee on menus, and Mrs. James was delighted with it, only making a very few recommendations. She asked me to write to some of the firms manufacturing cereal coffee, to see what rates we could secure for our schools, and suggesting that we substitute it in each place for coffee, inasmuch as it is much more wholesome. She only makes one or two minor suggestions in regard to the menus.

Will you not desire to call your committee together again to look over the whole report, with a view to making some minor changes, and then it will be ready to go to the printer as soon as we return from General Assembly.

I shall be away on Thursday of next week, as I go to Coatesville, Penna., for a presbyterial meeting on May 11th, but almost any other day can meet with you.

The matter of going to Utah is undecided yet, and possibly will not be decided until we are at General Assembly. I hope

it will be settled soon so that I can let you know before you leave for Canada.

These are busy days with all of us, so much to do in preparation for the Annual meeting, and the days are all too short for us to get in all we want to do.

Will you kindly give me the name of the lady whom you thought would be willing to serve on the Devotional Committee? I have mislaid her name and address, and should like to write her at once.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 6, 1905.

Miss Julia Fraser,

1504 Fifth Ave.,

Oakland, Cali.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

Your good, long letter of April 22nd at hand, and we are always so glad of these letters that tells us just the perplexities and difficulties our speakers encounter on the field.

In your letter you speak about being through in about two weeks. I presume you mean visiting societies in California, but we are hoping you will continue to speak for the Woman's Board the coming year, and that your efforts will be transferred to some other synodical society. Of course, you will have two months' vacation, and perhaps a little more, but we would like to have you ready to begin work again in September.

Mrs. Gildersleeve has charge of that part of the work and will confer with you later as to what synod would be your field. If we should bring you East, we would like to have you visit some of our schools on your way here. Of course, it would depend upon the route upon which you came. We do not know what your own plans may be, but we have proceeded with the expectation that you would continue as synodical field worker for the Woman's Board, and trust

that this will meet with your approval and that you will have strength to continue in the work. We will talk this matter over with Mrs. Goddard when we see her at Winona Lake, and wish we might be able to talk it over with you also.

These are such busy days here at the office that there isn't time for long letters, but we are always glad to hear from our workers and to know how their work is progressing.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, May 8, 1908.

Mrs. J. H. Eldridge,

C/o. Emerson School of Oratory,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Eldridge:-

I presume you have not forgotten Van Wert friends and that you will recognize me by my middle name even if you do not by my last. As you will see from the heading of this paper, I am Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and we have about thirty boarding schools in charge of our Board.

We are desirous of substituting a cereal coffee instead of that which is ordinarily used, and I understand that in the Department of Physical Culture, in the Emerson School of Oratory, a cereal coffee is recommended. Is there a recipe for its preparation, and is the cereal coffee sold in packages? Could it be purchased in quantities, at reduced rates, by our Board for use in these boarding schools, and what would be the price?

I am sorry to trouble you in this matter, but know that Jessie is a very busy woman and hesitated to write her, and then this gives me an opportunity to send you a personal message.

I am expecting to be in Van Wert the Sunday following our Annual meeting, in connection with General Assembly, May 26th. I had a very pleasant letter on Friday from Dr. Gordon the pastor of the church. Without doubt I will meet many old friends while

there. Of course, you know that all our family have passed away, except my sister Mame, who resides with me. She has not been well all winter, but is now greatly improved in health. We noticed it, too late to attend the meeting, that Jessie and her husband had been in Brooklyn, or we should have tried to have her.

With kind regards to Mr. Eldridge, and hoping that I am not troubling you too much in asking for this information, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella Alexander Boole.

Dictated.

New York, May 8, 1903.

Mrs. Henry H. Forsyth,

40 East Randolph St., Chicago, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Forsyth:-

Enclosed is a copy of the leaflet giving the action of the Woman's Board in reference to the appointment of Temperance Secretaries. We thought you might be interested in this action.

Thank you for your opinion as expressed in your letter, received some time ago.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, May 8, 1905.

Postum Coffee Co.,

Battle Creek, Mich.

Gentlemen:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has about thirty boarding schools under its charge. These schools are located all the way from Alaska down to North Carolina, and include schools among the Alaskans, Mexicans, Mormons, Indians and Mountaineers. We are planning menus for these boarding schools, and desire in every case to substitute a cereal coffee for what is usually used in these localities.

What price could you make for us on "Postum coffee," if purchased in quantities for our boarding schools?

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, May 8, 1905.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg,
Battle Creek Sanitarium,
Battle Creek, Michigan.

Dear Dr. Kellogg:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has about thirty boarding schools under its charge. These schools are located all the way from Alaska down to North Carolina, and include schools among the Alaskans, Mexicans, Mormons, Indians and Mountaineers. We are planning menus for these boarding schools, and desire in every case to substitute a cereal coffee for what is usually used in these localities.

What price could you make for us on "caramel coffee," if purchased in quantities for our boarding schools?

At what price could you furnish us with crackers made from whole wheat flour - we to buy them by the barrel?

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, May 15, 1905.

Mrs. C. R. Wilson,

65 Frederick Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:-

Your letter came several days ago but we are in the midst of preparations for our Annual meeting, so that our hands are more than full.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church started its work as a Woman's Executive Committee, and like the government of England has no constitution. There are, of course, what might be called by-laws or standing rules to govern the work of the Board, but there is nothing definitely arranged as a constitution. We have first auxiliary societies, which, combined together, form the presbyterial, and these in turn are united in synodical societies, all centering in what is now the Woman's Board of Home Missions but was originally the Woman's Executive Committee.

The presidents of synodical societies are vice-presidents of the Woman's Board, and in addition to this there is another vice-president from each synodical society for every one hundred fifty auxiliary societies. These are delegates to the Annual meeting and form the voting strength of the society there. There is also, in New York City, an Advisory Board composed of prominent ladies representing the principal churches in New York and vicinity. These

ladies meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 10.30, in the Assembly room at 156 Fifth Avenue. There are various sub-committees, one for each field, namely, the Alaskan, Indians, Mexicans, Mormons, Mountaineers, Foreign-speaking people, Cuba and Porto Rico; a sub-committee on public meetings, one on devotional meetings, and one on publication. The chairman of each sub-committee form the Ways and Means Committee, which meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Our President, Mrs. Darwin R. James, serves without salary; in fact, for twenty years she has given her money, time and service for the work of the Woman's Board. The other officers are salaried, namely, the Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer; the salary of the Secretary of the Young People's Department is paid jointly by the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board. We have no Field Secretaries but have speakers, who are more in the nature of Synodical Visitors. Mrs. Flora D. Palmer gives all her time to this work, while each year we call from the field from two to four teachers, who present the work to societies.

In addition to this we, who are officers, visit the field and are glad to present the work to societies as far as our office duties will permit.

Possibly you do not know that the money of our Board is not expended by us, although we have the entire charge of the work for which it shall be spent, but it passes into the hands of the Board of Home Missions, and checks are drawn to our order. The initiative in regard to the expenditure of the money always remains

(Mrs. Wilson, #2.)

with our Board, and there are frequent conferences of the officers in regard to every phase of the work.

Trusting that this is the information you desire, and assuring you that if I can be of any further service to you, I shall be glad to do so, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, May 15, 1905.

Mrs. Willis A. Bugbee,

311 South Main St., South Bend, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Bugbee:-

Your letter enclosing the communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Indian Department at hand. There is no doubt but that the Government is evasive on this matter of giving money to the Catholic schools, but very strong protest has gone in from this Board, and I handed the letter you have received to Dr. McAfee and he will reply to it, so that it will not be necessary for you to write again. Thank you very much for passing this information on to us, and helping by sending your protest.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 2, 1905.

Mrs. Ellen A. Hurd,

R. F. D. #4, Holly, Orleans Co., N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Hurd:-

Your letter asking for some "special" to which you could apply $50 to $75 at hand, and I have not been diliatory in replying because there was not need for the work but because there is a great need and to know just what to recommend.

I have now two things which I can suggest to you. One is $50 to be used in purchasing desks for the school building for Miss Le Duc at Las Cruces, New Mexico. The desks they have are broken and entirely unsuited for the children, and new ones are an absolute necessity.

The other object is that $75.00 be sent to purchase supplies for the San Juan Hospital, Porto Rico. These supplies consist of small tables, dishes and bedsteads for the nurses. In that climate nothing but iron bedsteads will answer the purpose, and the small tables are necessary that meals may be served to the convalescing patients on the piazzas, and you know how essential it is to have good dishes in serving those who are ill. Of course, it would be necessary that these things be purchased in New York, but if your society feel like contributing $75 toward this fund, and

let that be their "special," we would be very glad.

The rooms in the new Santa Fe building, namely the "Mary E. James' School for Mexican Boys," are all provided for, being furnished by synodical societies in honor of their synodical presidents, the expense being $100.00. Should you still prefer to furnish a room, we shall be erecting some new buildings this year and can reserve a room in one of them for you. The expense would probably be about $75.00, as you might like to take the sitting room or parlor.

Kindly let me know which of these meet with your approval.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Poole.

Dictated.

New York, June 2, 1905.

Rev. Thomas Lawrence, D. D.,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Lawrence:-

We are in receipt of an invitation to the Commencement exercises of the Normal and Collegiate Institute. Thank you for remembering us, and we hope that your Commencement will be a delight not only for those who have a part as members of the graduating class but a credit to the work done by the teachers.

With kind regards to Mrs. Lawrence and all the faculty, and very pleasant memories of my visit to the Normal and Collegiate Institute, I am,

Cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, June 3, 1905.

Mrs. George Tilden,

124 South 19th St., Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Mrs. Tilden:-

On my arrival home from General Assembly I found your letter of May 27th. We are sorry you could not meet with us there, for we had a most delightful meeting, and the same evangelistic spirit that pervaded the sessions of General Assembly was manifest in our meeting.

Our ladies were greatly encouraged by the large receipts of the year, but with the enlarged receipts came a larger vision of the work, and they feel there must be a good advance for the coming year. The apportionments will be sent out in a couple of weeks; in fact, we hope to get them ready next week, so that we are glad to know what you have decided you can do. By vote at the Annual meeting, we were asked to apportion $50,000 for building and repairs this coming year as advance work, and we feel quite sure that Nebraska Synodical will want to have as much of a part in this as they can.

I note what you say about the two beds in the San Juan Hospital, and your hope to contribute $248 to the General Fund, and we will take account of this in apportioning the funds for the coming year. I am sure your ladies will be interested in the hospi-

tal, and it will give a new field to present to them.

The work grows faster than we can keep up with it, and it does seem too bad to cripple our school work just because we can not give as many teachers as are needed. At the same time, the evangelistic work is making more and more demands upon us.

The speakers for the synodical meetings will probably be assigned next week, and we will then let you know as to who is to come to Nebraska. If I remember rightly, you had Miss Petrie last year.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Brook

Dictated. New York, June 3, 1906.

Mrs. B. A. Loving,

Persimmon, Okla. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Loving:-

Your letter to Mrs. Finks, asking for a directory of all our auxiliary societies, at hand. We have no printed list, neither do our synodical societies have such a one. As the Woman's Board is organized for the specific purpose of gathering funds for our Home Mission work, there is no necessity for such a list, as through the synodical and presbyterial societies we are in direct communication with every society.

Regretting that I can not be of service to you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, June 7, 1905.

Mrs. Charles W. Robinson,

Bloomington, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:-

The memory of the pleasant days at Winona Lake is still fresh, and I personally was so glad of the ~~added~~ opportunity of making the acquaintance of our workers in the synodical societies. Do you know there were twenty-one synodical societies represented there? At ~~the meeting of the~~ Advisory Committee yesterday all felt that the report of your Committee on Advance was really an advance step. I am taking it to the printer to-day, and we will soon have it in shape to send out to societies.

We are to have a conference in regard to the apportionments this afternoon, and will have the synodical letter ready to send out, with the apportionments, in a couple of weeks. The apportionment of the $125,000 for advanced work may necessitate our taking a little more time to get matters in shape, but we will work at it as fast as we can.

Thank you for the suggestions in regard to the synodical report for another year. Should any other suggestions occur to you, do not hesitate to pass them along.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 8, 1905.

Miss Julia Fraser,

1504 Fifth Ave., Oakland, Cali.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

Your letter of May 29th at hand. You must be tired after your many months of wandering up and down. I so thoroughly appreciate the discomforts which our speakers encounter that you have my sincere sympathy, and I know you must need a rest.

I note that you have only sent in your bill for one-half the month of May. I am sure that, after your months of hard service, the Woman's Board will be glad to grant you a vacation, and you certainly deserve it. I will bring the matter to their attention next week.

We very much hope that you will continue in our service even though you feel you must rest until fall.

I greatly enjoyed meeting Mrs. Goddard at the Annual meeting, and she will doubtless tell you of the feast of good things we had there. Twenty-one synodical societies were represented at the meeting, and the receipts of the year - $475,000 - greatly encouraged them, and they felt the time had come for a real advance movement. The July Home Mission Monthly will, of course, give full

details of this meeting, but we guess that you were so interested that you would want to know something beforehand. Mrs. Goddard had copies of the Secretaries' and the Treasurer's reports, so she will doubtless pass them along to you.

The enclosed letter was sent me by Mrs. Goddard but in some way got mislaid. I am returning it to you.

With love and hearty appreciation of your service, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 9, 1905.

Mrs. J. F. Pingry,

571 Newark Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Pingry:-

Mrs. Sinclair handed me the enclosed letter a little while ago and I have failed to get it to you.

I hope you will be present on Tuesday, as the report of your committee is scheduled for that day, and we are sending notices to that effect to every member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 9, 1905.

Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy,

1400 Nicollet Ave.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Pomeroy:-

We missed you at the Annual meeting and often spoke of you. It was a delightful gathering! Twenty-one synodical societies were represented. We had no hard words to say for any one, only words of appreciation for the earnest efforts put forth in gathering funds for this blessed work.

We will have a copy of the Board's report sent you, in which is included my report as Secretary of the Woman's Board. This will give you an idea of just how we stand.

A new committee was appointed , a Committee on Methods of Advance, which brought in some splendid recommendations. We are having them printed in large numbers, and you will receive them also.

The apportionments are being made out now, and we hope to be able to send them to societies within a week or two. The objects for Minnesota will remain the same, with the exception that we added to it, as recommended by this Committee on Advance, something for the building and repair fund and also something for the work of evangelization and among foreign-speaking people. As the matter will be so fully explained in my letter and in the leaflet

containing the report of this committee, it is hardly necessary for me to go into details now.

We wish you might have been present on Friday afternoon of the Annual meeting and been presented with the other synodical presidents who had been honored by their synodical societies in having a room in the "Mary E. James' School" furnished in their honor. It was a complete surprise to all the presidents who were present. They were called to the platform and Mrs. James presented each one, she responding in a talk of just a minute or two. It was a delightful occasion! Then, later, all who were present had their pictures taken, with Mrs. James, This picture will be published in the July Home Mission Monthly. You will be probably interested to know that the synodical presidents so honored were:- Mrs. Goddard of California; Mrs. C. W. Robinson of Illinois; Mrs. McCree of Indiana; Mrs. E. N. Barrett of Iowa; Mrs. Cooper of Michigan; Mrs. Pomeroy of Minnesota; Mrs. Honeyman of New Jersey; Mrs. Yeisley of New York; Mrs. Houston of Ohio; Mrs. Bailey of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Vedder of Wisconsin.; Mrs. Thomson, former Synodical Secretary of Indiana, and Miss Alice C. Patterson, Synodical Secretary for Ohio, and Mrs. J. F. Kendall, former Synodical President of Indiana. We are so glad that you are counted as one of them.

The July Home Mission Monthly will be out so soon and you will get many details from it, but I know you are hungering for even a little word from this annual feast of good things.

Yours with love,

Ella A Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 16, 1905.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

226 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. James:-

Mr. Craig is here and says that the site for your schools for Mexican boys at Santa Fe ought to be decided upon very shortly, and so we are sending out notices to the members of the Finance Committee, and to Mrs. Brownell, Mrs. Grier, Mrs. Pingry and Miss White, asking them to attend the conference on Tuesday afternoon, when the matter of site can be talked over. I hope this may be agreeable to you, because we all feel that your wishes ought to be given the greatest weight in this matter. We knew you were planning to remain over on Tuesday afternoon, as Mrs. Finks' committee to consider the questions involved in the "Advance Movement" is also to meet that afternoon.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Booth.

Dictated. New York, June 21, 1905

Mrs. F. F. McCrea,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Mrs. McCrea:-

The records of the twenty-sixth year of the Woman's Board are now history, but the fruit of the year of self-sacrificing effort remains to the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.

The year has been a prosperous one, the receipts, including the $73,047.80 passed over to the Freedmen's Board, having reached the splendid total of $475,042.70, the largest in the history of the Woman's Board. Not only have receipts increased but the work on the field has grown proportionately, and the Treasurer's books show that, notwithstanding the large sum received, we were able to contribute only $6,806.60 toward the $23,000 we had assumed for evangelization. So much evangelistic work is made necessary by the success attending our schools that this year we have assumed $27,000 for evangelistic work, and we earnestly ask your co-operation in the effort to relieve the Board of this amount, otherwise the very prosperity of our work adds burdens to the Assembly's Board.

To meet this need and to enter the doors already open through which we may carry the Gospel to foreign-speaking people, each society is asked to take a special offering for EVANGELIZATION

and WORK AMONG FOREIGNERS which we hope may be 15% of the total hitherto contributed. This will meet the urgent demands and enable us to make a real advance during the coming year.

BUILDING AND REPAIRS are an extra yearly expense to the Woman's Board. The erection of new buildings is imperatively demanded and necessary. It is true that no buildings are erected until the money is at hand, but repairs, painting, mending roofs, building fences, digging wells, and general repair work are a necessity which must be met, and this is no small item in our budget. In accordance with the report of our Committee on Methods of Advance, which was adopted at the Annual meeting, in which twenty-one synods were represented, we are asking each synodical society and, through you, each presbyterial and auxiliary society, to have a share in this fund by contributing the amount apportioned to the Building and Repair Fund. This we hope you may consider an extra, above and beyond all pledges heretofore assumed. Our societies raised the Anniversary Fund of $50,000 for the Boys' School at Santa Fe, and we feel equally sure they will be loyal to this obligation.

The Annual meeting also recommends that all offerings taken when a speaker visits societies shall be for the Building and Repair Fund apportioned to that society, and to this end we urge the public presentation of home missions, and we will be glad to assist by recommending teachers and workers, who may be available, to societies desiring their aid.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. General Assembly has again recommended that the cause of Home Missions be presented in the Sabbath schools

on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and that an offering be taken for the Woman's Board. Last year only 1,321 of the Presbyterian Sabbath schools responded. The date this year will be November 26th, and the object will be for medical work in the hospital, San Juan, Porto Rico; programs will be furnished on application. Will you not make an especial effort to secure more general presentation of our work in the Sabbath schools upon that day, or as near that date as possible, and secure an offering for the San Juan Hospital?

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. The Secretary of this department, as usual, will present to your Young People's Secretary the special objects for your young people's societies, notifying them of such changes as are necessary, and supplying letters and programs to aid in arousing and sustaining interest.

ORGANIZATION AND FIELD WORK. Another step in advance is the recommendation that three Field Secretaries be appointed. It is the purpose to reach every church where there is now no Home Missionary Society, and we earnestly urge that the services of one of the Field Secretaries or missionary workers be secured, to the end that all the women of the Church may become interested and so have a share in the evangelistic school work.

PLEDGED WORK. The apportionments for the year have been made on the basis of last year's receipts, so that we are depending upon each synodical society to so present the field that all pledges will be met, and all synodical work provided for as heretofore.

Few changes have been made in the apportionments, except on request, but you will note that the 15% advance for Evangelization and Work among Foreigners and the amount for Building and Repairs are extra.

The General Fund must not suffer, as the Woman's Board depends upon that to make up deficiencies, meet emergencies, and to provide for such salaries as have not been provided for at the beginning of the year. We trust you will read carefully the report of the Committee on Advance, and that you will help us to place it in the hands of every society, that each society may see the great need and cheerfully respond.

We will gladly send you any number of copies of the new leaflet desired, and let us all pray that with steadfastness of purpose the women of the Church may hear this bugle call.

At your coming Synodical meeting, will you not make this Advance Movement a special subject of prayer?

May God's richest blessing attend all the workers at home, as they plan to increase the means for better work on the field.

Yours to serve,

Mary E. James,

(Mrs Daniel A.) President.

Ellen Boole

Secretary.

INDIANA'S SPECIALS. We have considered the various fields and in apportioning the work ask the loyal support of every synodical society. In accordance with our usual method we lay before you the annual synodical apportionments, calling attention to the fact that the amounts herein asked for are in addition to the permanent pledges assumed in every presbytery and provide a place for the contributions arising,

1st., from the natural increase of societies that have their own permanent pledges; 2nd., from the new societies that may be formed; 3rd., from those that have not undertaken anything specific. We are asking for an advance in some instances this year, but desire to emphasize the fact that contributions for the General Fund are just as essential as for the pledged work. Should any society desire to assume additional pledged work, we will be glad to assign it to them. Will you apportion among your presbyterial societies the following:-

$1,100 for the Utah Day School Work.
500 for salary at Tucson, Arizona?

Advance (Evangelization and Work among Foreigners, an advance of 15% on contributions from societies.
(Building and Repair Fund, $1,500 for Tucson, Arizona, $700 being for repairs.

Junior C. E's have Endeavor Hall, San Juan Hospital.
Bands have the Sitka Training School, Alaska.
Sunday schools have the San Juan Hospital, Porto Rico.

Dictated. New York, June 23, 1905.

Miss Emma Hicks,

Grassy Cove, Tenn.

Dear Miss Hicks:-

Your letter of June 16th at hand. We have carefully discussed the matter of employing you as speaker in the fall and have agreed that it would be practically impossible for us to make appointments for you in September, and as your commission will have expired before that time no reduced rates could be secured. If you should desire to go to California before the expiration of your commission, August 1st, we can secure reduced rates for you and will be glad to do so; later we could not, as we have to be very careful in our relations to the railroad companies, otherwise all concessions will be withdrawn from us.

I have talked with Dr. McAfee in regard to special preparation for work another year; he assures me that if there is a vacancy, and there probably will be, he will be glad to have you return to the services of the Woman's Board. As you have been so successful as a teacher, he would, of course, prefer you in that work, and a course of Bible study would be invaluable to you; in fact, we are glad to have all our teachers take such a course.

In regard to the matter of housekeeper:- Of course, you understand that the Woman's Board does not commission house-

keepers, neither does it authorize teachers to solicit funds for that object. No credit could be given for money that does not pass through the hands of the Treasurer, and as we can not commission housekeepers, they could not be paid from money transmitted through us. We realize that it is difficult for the workers to do their own work while they are teaching, but if some one must be employed to do their work, she must be paid for by the teachers.

Miss Ina McBurney, who was at Harlan, Ky., has been appointed as Principal of the school at Grassy Cove.

If you decide to go to California before August 1st, please give us ample time to secure reduced rates.

Yours with love,

Ellen Boole

Dictated. New York, June 28, 1905.

Miss Sophia Ostermeier,

Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Miss Ostermeier:-

For some little time the Woman's Board has had under consideration a measure by which we might be able to give a little relief to our workers who have broken down in services. Your case has been brought before us and our ladies have expressed the greatest sympathy in the heavy expenses under which you have been placed, and especially in the fact that you have been obliged to use funds with which you had hoped to take a course to better fit you for your work. Some plans are under way which we hope may bring in some money that will reimburse you to a slight degree, and though no one can be reimbursed for the sufferings of body that comes through illness, I am glad to be able to send you a check for $30.50, which comes as a gift from the Woman's Board, and we hope to be able to send you a little more later.

Trusting that you are improving in health and that that course in Bible study may not be an impossibility in the future, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 28, 1905.

Miss Fannie C. Bonsack,

4054 Delmar Boulevard,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Miss Bonsack:-

Your letter in reference to the work at Paint Rock received. We are all very sorry for Miss Cougle. You know her eye sight is very poor, so that there are few places where she would be able to carry on the work. She is a beautiful character, but her friends have felt for some time that if she could have a rest, and opportunity where her eyes could be treated, she might, in a measure, recover and be able to return to the work, and so the wisest course seemed to be to apply for admission for her into the Home for Disabled Ministers at Newton, New Jersey. If she can remain there a year, in that beautiful spot, we hope that in another year she may be able to re-enter our work and will be glad to reappoint her.

The Paint Rock field is a needy one, but from all the information we could receive, it seemed that there were other places just as needy where we were able to gather some fruits for our work. The work has been established a good many years at Paint Rock, and just as fast as the young people are ready to give their hearts to Christ they are gathered into other churches. Services are maintained in the community by both the Methodists and the Baptists, and

as our minister does not live there, they gather all the fruits of the work we are doing, so it seemed wiser to transfer the work to a field where there were absolutely no other religious advantages. Accordingly, the Woman's Board will ask that your money, which you say will be about $250, be transferred to the field at Big Pine, N. C. This field is nineteen miles from Marshall, over a mountain road. I went up there last fall on horseback, and can assure you it is no easy ride. I think we forded the stream thirty-four times on our way up the mountain.

There had not been a public school in that part of the country in twelve years until our school was opened - until a whole generation of boys and girls had grown to manhood and womanhood without ever having an opportunity to attend school. The school there has been established about two years; a good building has been erected, with a teachers' home upstairs. Last year we had one teacher and this year we must have the second teacher.

They inform me in the treasury department that you prefer to give your money to a field rather than to the support of a single teacher, and while your money would be used for the support of the new teacher who is to be appointed, yet we will consider it as a gift for the whole field.

The people are Mountaineers, living way back in the mountains, and it is pitiful to see their eagerness to learn and the zeal with which the children enter upon the school work. I am sure you will find it an attractive field, and your society will be glad to have a part in this work.-

Hoping this may meet with your approval, and that your ladies may be greatly blessed in every good work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 28, 1905.

Miss Julia Hatch,

Kamiah, Idaho.

Dear Miss Hatch:-

Your letter from Joseph, Oregon, at hand, and I also have your letter to Dr. McAfee. We all regret that you can not go Sitka, because we had hoped much from your presence there. You speak of continuing your work for the coming year. Will it be on the same basis as in former years; that is, in Mrs. Ladd donating the money for your salary, and the offerings being taken and transmitted to the Woman's Board? We will be glad to have you let us know in regard to this.

Now in regard to the school for the Nez Perce Indians:- It is not the policy of the Woman's Board to erect any buildings when the money is not in hand, and while we see the need of the kind of building for which you and Miss Fraser plead, the Woman's Board does not feel that it can undertake the work without knowing where the money is to come from. Accordingly, the first step to take is to see what can be done in raising funds. Of course, you know we have the authoritative statement from the Indian Department that the Government School is not to be given up, so that that site is out of the question.

We will enclose you a copy of our new leaflet on the Advance Movement, which was adopted at the Annual meeting, and in it you will see that we were asked to apportion $50,000 for building and repair fund, and $75,000 for the work of evangelization and work among foreigners. In making out our apportionments under the instructions given us by this report of the Advance Committee, we have placed for the building and repair fund for the North Pacific Board $1,000 for school for Christian Indians. If that amount were raised this year it would be a nucleus around which we might gather additional funds, so that possibly in a couple of years the proposed school might be an accomplished fact. This is as far as we can go this year, unless more money should come in as a gift.

You know, in the administration of a work like ours new work can not be undertaken without the funds having first been gathered for the building, and knowing where the funds are to come from for the support of the work. Of course, we would be very glad for you to gather all the facts that you can as to the necessity for this school; whether a location would be obtainable, and any recommendations that you might desire to make in regard to the number of pupils to be accommodated; how many teachers would be required, and something about what it would cost for its maintenance.

We are not now starting any new Indian schools in which the parents do not pay something for the support of their children. You know that at Wolf Point they bring all the food that their children require, so that the boarding department is absolutely self-supporting, and I question whether our ladies would open any other school without making some provision which would make the boarding

(Miss Hatch, #2.)

department nearly or quite self-supporting. It is better for the Indians that it should be so, and it is especially just that Christian Indians should feel the responsibility of caring for their own children. We will be glad to have you give us any information you can on the subject but, of course, I have no authority to say that the Woman's Board will take up such a school until the funds are forthcoming.

Dr. McAfee is away on his vacation, and Mr. Craig, the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools, is looking after his work. He asks me to say that we thank you for your recommendation of these young ladies for the work in Alaska, and hope they may write to us.

How I wish I might be able to be with you at Kamiah for the great Nez Perce Fourth of July celebration!

Remember me very kindly to Dr. Ghormley. I knew him years ago at college, and he will not have forgotten me.

Some time I hope I may be able to visit that field and so know conditions at first hand, but we are so grateful for all the information that those give us who can visit these places.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Brook

Dictated. New York, June 29, 1905.

Mrs. A. G. Beebe,

125 South Oak Park Ave.,

Oak Park, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Beebe:-

I have heard from Mrs. Robinson and she is greatly pleased at the idea of your doing field work in Illinois, and says that you are planning to go to Portland, Oregon.

We have assigned for the special building and repair fund for Illinois $4,000 toward a dormitory at Wasatch Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Utah, and she thinks it would be an excellent idea if on your return you could stop off there, then you could see the school yourself, being cognizant of the need for the dormitory and thus be able to present it to auxiliary societies. The offerings taken being sent through the regular channel to the presbyterial treasurer, and credited to the building and repair fund.

I do not know what plans you have made or how long you are to stay at Portland. There is a Teachers' Convention, at which will be present all the teachers from the Utah field, at Mount Pleasant, August 24th, and to continue about ten days. While the school would not be in session at that time, it would give you an opportunity to come in touch with the kind of work that is being done

there, if your coming back should be timed so as to be able to meet with them. Should your return be later than this school would probably be in session, and that would be an equally good opportunity, while possibly you could visit several of the Utah school, and it would give you a good text for your talks.

The Woman's Board meetings are adjourned for the summer. I am expecting Mrs. James at the office on July 10th, when we will talk this matter over with her, and possibly the chairman of the Finance Committee and one or two others, and we will see what can be done in the matter of commissioning you. It may be deemed best that you should be considered a synodical visitor, as we have no office in the Woman's Board that would fit just the position you want to take. However, should the work grow, and you be called into other synods, we would have to make a position to fit the need.

How much time do you think you can devote to the work? Did I understand you correctly when you said to me last spring that you wanted to give your services gratuitously, our paying traveling expenses? I think you ought to have a little beyond traveling expenses, inasmuch as there is always something extra which can not be counted upon. We appreciate how you want to help the work, and if not financially dependent upon your earnings, feel that you are contributing services which are really money. Tell me frankly just what you can do; how much time you would like to devote to the work; whether you could stand consecutive dates, say for a month, within a presbytery. If I could have your letter by July 10th, I could present the matter fully to Mrs. James.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 29, 1905.

Mrs. A. G. Beebe,

Oak Park, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Beebe:-

There is another matter about which I want to write. In making the apportionments for Chicago Presbyterial $1,000 has been assigned to you for Marshall, N. C. Some changes are about to be made in that school, and it seems advisable that this coming year there should be $1,000 for the Marshall field. The Marshall field includes the schools at Marshall, Walnut Spring, Walnut Run, Big Pine and Little Pine. If you want a special school designated, although Miss Lincoln is not here now, and I should not like to give you a definite field without conferring with her, think Walnut Run, which is a new school, only having been established a little over a year, would be the best one.

The people there were very much in earnest in wanting this building erected, and at one time thirty men were up in the mountains getting out lumber, and one good woman told me that although she could not go up in the mountains and get out lumber, yet she had tried to help by boarding the help while they were doing that work. It is a most needy field, and you will find it extremely interesting. It is situated about seven miles from Marshall. The

teachers, however, belong to the church in Marshall, and it is a part of that work.

I have written this as a separate letter because there was more of the personal in the other, and I thought you might need to show this to your presbyterial officers.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, June 29, 1905.

Mrs. W. F. Honeyman,

Plainfield, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Honeyman:-

After you and Mrs. James had left the other night I found that I would be away on Tuesday, July 11th, as it would be necessary for me to leave on the evening of the 10th for Silver Bay. Accordingly, I wrote Mrs. James and asked if she could come over on July 10th instead of the 11th, and a postal from her this morning says she will. If you want to meet her, and to see me, then come in on that date.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 1, 1905.

Mrs. J. T. Kelly,

1367 Kenesaw Ave.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:-

Your letter came several days ago and without doubt you have received your copies of the "Advance Movement" before this. We had to wait a day or two because of a little change which had to be made. We must all pray that the women all over this country may hear this bugle call, and hearing respond, and to this end this leaflet must be scattered everywhere.

As you doubtless know, Miss Lincoln is away on her vacation, and she is the only one in the office who knows Mrs. Turner personally, except Miss Petrie, who speaks kindly of her. It was not in our plan to appoint a Field Secretary for the Eastern field, as it seemed wisest to leave that part of the work under the direction of the office; and the Field Secretaries would be confined to the territory of the Board of the Northwest, the Board of the Southwest, and the Occidental and North Pacific Boards.

If Mrs. Turner can remain in the field two or three weeks at a time, and it will not make the traveling expenses too great for her to go back and forth, I believe you will get better service from her than from a longer trip, inasmuch as she is not

experienced in public work, the strain of standing before audiences, day after day, is very great, and to one unaccustomed to it is very wearing. She ought, however, to be willing to take some large meetings, because the offerings there help out with the expenses in the smaller meetings.

There is a Mrs. Rice in Nebraska who did this kind of work last year for the Nebraska ladies, and her compensation was $25.00 a month and traveling expenses. While that seems a small amount, she wanted to help the work but could not afford to give her services. It would be well to talk the matter of salary over very frankly with Mrs. Turner. Our teachers who go from the field as speakers receive, as salary, $500 per year and, of course, their traveling expenses, and one would think that a new worker ought not to receive more than that. I trust that if you do secure her services they may be greatly blessed, and we hope she will push the "Advance Movement" everywhere.

Mrs. Palmer is very good about such things, and after visiting weak places sends us a list of their needs, and we try to follow up her work with literature. We shall be glad to do this for Mrs. Turner. She also presents the claims of the Home Mission Monthly everywhere and special objects. In your field, according to the "Advance Movement," she should push the claims of the school at Wolf Point, Montana, and the offerings used for the building fund. However, as your expenses are divided between the Foreign Board and the Home, you may be a little hampered in this.

To-day being the first of July one-half our force are away on vacation, and the rest of us are looking foward to August 1st, when it comes our turn.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. July 3, 1905.

Mrs. D. M. Cooper,

1015 Jefferson Ave.,

Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mrs. Cooper:-

Yours received. The following list of addresses is correct : -

Mrs. A. H. Vedder, 199 - 10th St. Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. E. H. Barrett, Iowa City, Iowa.

Mrs. Charles W. Robinson, Bloomington, Ill.

Mrs. N. T. Houston, Urbana, Ohio.

Synod Presidents

I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to meeting your ladies at the Synodical meeting, which I understand is October 4. Is it to be held at Jackson or in Detroit?

I rather envy you in your shanty during this hot weather. My vacation time comes in August, and while we are on half force during July we are glad to do the extra work, because it makes possible our turn in August.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Grove

Folder 2: Outgoing Correspondence 1905

Dictated. New York, July 5, 1905.

Mrs. Clarence E. Allen,

Augusburger 1, Berlin, West, Germany.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

Your letter to Mrs. James at hand, and she asks me to express to you her pleasure at your request for anti-Mormon literature and her appreciation of your willingness to help scatter it.

We will send you samples of all we have in the Woman's Board and also of all that the Interdenominational Council has, and if you find any leaflet which is particularly adapted for distribution in Germany, we shall be glad to send you additional copies of it.

Mrs. James has carried on such a warfare against Mormonism that it cheers her greatly to know of others who are willing to help, but it is an alarming fact if, as you say, the Mormons have a foothold in almost all the large towns in Germany.

The agitation in regard to the unseating of Senator Smoot has informed the people of the United States of the real condition of affairs, for the daily papers have given large space to the news items from the Congressional investigation, and whether Mr. Smoot is unseated or not, we do know that the people are better informed than they would have been.

Trusting that this literature may be helpful, and assuring you that if we can serve you in any way, we shall be glad to do so, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, July 5, 1905.

Mrs. J. M. McNaughton,

539 West Front St., Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mrs. McNaughton:-

Your letter of June 30th, with check, received. While I should have been very glad to have had the money remain in your treasury, if it saves you from an explanation I will accept it, and I have passed it over into our treasury.

The best of us are liable to forget sometimes, and nothing serious has resulted from this. I only hope the meeting helped the work.

Yours cordially,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 5, 1905.

Miss Jennie Ordway,

Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

Dear Miss Ordway:-

In planning our work for the coming year you will note from our Committee on Advance that to each synodical society we are apportioning an amount for the building and repair fund. We have endeavored to have some special fund in each field for which gifts might be contributed, and because we know that some time not far distant we will need a permanent plant in Mayaguez, we have begun to create a fund of $20,000 for your permanent home. Of course, we do not expect to get it this year, but we will at least make a good beginning, and another year hope we may have the full amount. In order that this money may be raised, however, it will be necessary that we prepare a leaflet setting forth the needs of the building, and what it will cost. As you know the situation so much better than we, would you be willing to give us the essential facts which we may weave into the leaflet, or better yet, would you be willing to prepare the leafket? It would not need to be longer than three hundred words, but simply state the situation and we can add the plea for funds. Our work must be well under way before fall, so the

sooner you can give me the facts the better it will be.

I am glad that Miss Copeland has secured an appointment for the Presbyterian Hospital, and hope she may be happy there and prove successful in her work. Poor girl! she has had a sad experience, but I hope she has learned a lesson therefrom.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. New York, July 5, 1905.

Mrs. Ephraim Banning,
685 Washington Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Banning:-

The topics for next year will be published in the August number of the Home Mission Monthly, which, you know, is issued about July 20th. If that is not early enough for you, let me know and I will have the list copied. We also print the list, and if that is issued earlier, I will send you one of them.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 5, 1905.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,

1939 California St.,

San Francisco, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

Miss Emma Hicks, who for a number of years has been Principal of our school at Grassy Cove, Tenn., which is only eight miles from the station to which Miss Dora Fish is going, will spend next year in California, and if you should need her for any service think you would be well repaid by using her. She is a bright woman, well educated, and while I never heard her speak believe she would do well. Her picture was in the Annual meeting number of the Home Mission Monthly for 1904. She is not yet certain as to her address while she is in California, but can be written to at Kalida, Ohio, and the mail will be forwarded.

We, too, were glad that you could be present at the Annual meeting at Winona Lake. It certainly was full of inspiration, and we must keep on praying that the women may respond heartily to the call for advance.

I am glad to hear of the birth of the little daughter to the Coolidges. Mrs. Coolidge is certainly a brave woman to make such a journey with a four weeks' old babe. I trust the little one may not suffer from the long journey. I am so glad that the Coolidges

will remain, for they certainly are godly people. God does answer prayer!

How I should enjoy being with you at your "Quarterly meeting" the last Tuesday in July, but my visit to the Pacific Coast must be postponed for a little time. I hope some time to visit you, and if you just keep on writing perhaps the way will open.

I am sorry to hear that Miss Fraser has not been well. At the meeting the other day she was elected Field Secretary for the Pacific Coast, but as the duties of Field Secretary have not been perfectly outlined as yet, I have not given her the official notice. It will be sent, however, just as soon as some little details are decided upon.

A word of explanation in regard to your apportionment for the building and repair fund. It is $1,000 for Indian work in California. Of course, we know you have many calls for that work. Miss Hatch and Miss Fraser are very anxious that a school for Christian Indians should be established among the Nez Perces, and if your ladies should prefer that the $1,000 should go toward that building fund, we will gladly give our consent, but we thought you might be able to raise more money if it were so presented to your ladies, that it was to be used in your own field.

In presenting the 15% advance for evangelization and work among foreign-speaking people, if the recommendation goes through your presbyterial officers to the local societies with the request that each member be asked to add 15% to her regular contribution toward Home Missions, perhaps it will not frighten the women

(Mrs. Goddard, #2.)

too much, and it will set them all to work solving problems in percentage and it may be a good idea for them to review some of the school work of their earlier days.

We will see that you have a sufficient number of copies of the Advance Movement for use at your presbyterial meetings, and I will have them mailed to you to-day.

One advantage of our meeting at Winona Lake was, for me at least, to be able to know synodical workers whom I had not met before, as it puts so much of the personal element in our work, that with a great deal more of earnestness I can subscribe myself,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 5, 1905.

Mrs. J. E. Butter, Synod Pres

Culbertson, Montana.

Dear Mrs. Butter:-

Your letter of July 1st at hand, and we are very sorry that you will be unable to be present at the synodical meeting at Bozeman, and that in all probabilities your removal to a new home mission field will prevent your continuing as synodical president. I am sure your heart will be in the Home Mission work just the same, and that you will be glad to help whenever you can.

I will see whether anything may be done in enlisting gifts for your church, and will pass that part of your letter over to Miss Taft or Miss Long.

I am sure your ladies will enjoy Mrs. Palmer at the synodical meeting, and that her enthusiasm and zeal will strengthen the cause.

I saw Dr. Donaldson at Wooster, Ohio, a few weeks ago at Commencement, and he made a most earnest plea that a representative of the Woman's Board come to Montana that we might have opportunity to present personally our work. I hope some time it may be my privilege to come, but this year Mrs. Palmer will be there and you will enjoy her greatly.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen C. Dodge

Dictated. New York, July 7, 1905.

Mrs. George Tilden, Synod. Cres.

124 South 19th St.,

Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Tilden:-

Your letter of July 3rd, giving us the dates of your synodical meeting as September 27th and 28th, at hand. At this date I can not tell who will be available for your meeting, but very much fear that I can not, as it would not pay for me to make the long journey from New York for a single meeting, and at the most the only other meeting I could take would be the one at Detroit, Michigan, which occurs October 4th. However, I will bring the matter up for conference in a few days, and we will then let you know.

I note what you have to say about the advance and the difficulties you experience in Nebraska, inasmuch as it entails an equal advance for Foreign work and for Freedmen's work. We do not expect impossibilities of our societies, and if you can not, you can not, but just do your best. You will notice from the recommendations of the Committee on Aevance that in the event of speakers coming into a synod the Woman's Board pays their traveling expenses, and that all offerings made are for the building and repair fund as-

signed to that synodical society. Would it be possible for you to take as much of the building and repair fund as you could gather in this way, urging each auxiliary society to have one meeting during the year at which an offering shall be made for such fund? The plan was to assign Miss Johns to you for a month. Would that be long enough? Nebraska is a pretty good sized State, and I know that your distances are long but, of course, a single speaker could not cover all of it even if you were to have two full months in which to do it.

Mrs. Gildersleeve is away on her vacation so I am answering your letter to her and the one to myself.

Thank you for sending me this paper containing your apportionments. Your work is carefully done and ought to bring a good response. I am returning it because you may need it for reference.

Let us pray that God may touch the hearts of the women that as they hear the bugle call for advance they may respond.

We will let you know who will be available for your synodical meeting just as soon as we can.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 10, 1905.

Mrs. J. Will Harris,

Pond Creek, Okla. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Harris:-

Your letter came some time ago but in the rush of work it has been passed aside.

Oklahoma and Indian Territories are united in one synodical society, and just now they are in deep affliction, because their synodical president and vice-president have both left the synod. Mrs. C. R. Hume, Anadarko, Okla. Ter., is the synodical secretary, and I will notify her that you may be called upon sometimes for meetings.

I do not know just where Pond Creek is located, but I am expecting to attend the synodical meeting in the fall. There is a little confusion about the dates, as we think they are October 26th and 27th, but as synod's date has been changed to October 6th, it is possible that the meeting of the synodical society has been changed also. I wish you might be able to attend.

You dear young people have my sincere sympathy in your efforts to build up a church in a new town in Oklahoma. May God bless you abundantly and give you wisdom and zeal for all good works. I am sure you will help the Home Missionary work whenever you have an opportunity, and while sometimes it is easier to gather gifts for Foreign Missions than it is for Home, yet you know that Home Missions

Dictated. New York, July 10, 1905.

Mrs. J. H. Flanagan,
201 Washington St.,
Grafton, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Flanagan:-

Your letter to Mrs. Gildersleeve just at hand. She is away on her vacation, and so I will reply to it. In making our schedules for synodical meetings this fall we have put Mrs. Gildersleeve down for the West Virginia synodical, and I trust this may meet with your approval. Mrs. Gildersleeve is an excellent speaker, and, as you know, is our newly elected Assistant Corresponding Secretary. She is an enthusiastic worker, and I am sure will do you good. I trust that your meeting may be a very successful one. The plan now is for Mrs. Gildersleeve to visit some of the stations in West Virginia before she comes to your synodical meeting.

I have been intending to write you for some little time in reference to your advance work. Parkersburg has assumed the support of one of the workers at Acme, West Va., and Grafton signifies their willingness to take a worker among foreign-speaking people, and we thought they might take the other worker at Acme. Then, we have assigned to West Virginia an extra worker among the foreign-speaking people as an advance. The salary for this worker would be $500, and if you have some special point in the State where you

wish to place the worker, we shall be glad to have you notify us, also state whether you have some one whom you wish to recommend for the position. This, of course, is included in the 15% advance that is asked for in the contributions from all women's missionary societies.

If the weather is as warm in West Virginia as it is in New York, I am afraid these are not days to plan heavy work, but we who are in the office are looking forward to the fact that next month is our vacation time.

Let me congratulate you on being the first to get your money in for the emergency fund for disabled teachers. We hope all our societies will take an interest in this fund.

Yours with love,

Ella A Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 10, 1905.

Miss Floretta Shields,

Cortez, Colorado.

Dear Miss Shields:-

We have learned here at the office with great regret of your serious illness, and hope that you are somewhat improved by this time.

At a conference this morning we discussed the matter of your farm, but it was the judgment of the ladies that they could not continue the work at Cortez, important as it is, and hence would have no use for the farm. You would better put it in the hands of a real estate agent.

I am instructed to say to you that in consideration of your many years of service to the Woman's Board, even though you retire from the field at once, your salary will be continued until the close of the fiscal year, which will be April 1, 1906. We shall be glad to hear from you from tim to time as to how you are, and I can assure you that I speak the opinion of the ladies of the Board when I express to you their gratitude to you for your many years of faithful service. With an earnest prayer for your complete recovery and that God may bless and keep you, I am,

Cordially yours,

A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 17, 1905.

Miss Julia Fraser,

1604 Fifth Ave.,

Oakland, Calif.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to notify you that at the last meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions you were elected one of the three Field Secretaries recommended at the Annual meeting. The duties of the Field Secretary, as outlined by our Committee, are:- "It shall be the duty of the Field Secretary to visit, to stimulate, and to organize, seeking to develop a missionary spirit and to systematize the work throughout her field; to work in entire harmony as a helper with synodical officers; to report regularly to the Woman's Board special and peculiar features of each field and to suggest how these can be met; to submit her plans for work to the Board; to inform herself thoroughly with regard to the workings of the Board; and to refer to the Board all matters requiring executive power." Your field will be the Pacific Coast, and you can make your headquarters either in Portland or San Francisco, as you may elect.

Your salary will be $60.00 per month, and traveling expenses, for such time as you spend on the field.

Trusting that you are improving in health, and that the summer months may mean to you rest and recovery which will mean renewed strength for the work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 17, 1905.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,
17 East Jefferson St.,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that at the last meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions you were elected one of the three Field Secretaries recommended at the Annual meeting, your territory to include the territory covered by the Board of the Northwest, your headquarters being in Chicago.

The duties of a Field Secretary are:- "It shall be the duty of the Field Secretary to visit, to stimulate, and to organize, seeking to develop a missionary spirit and to systematize the work throughout her field; to work in entire harmony as a helper with synodical officers; to report regularly to the Woman's Board special and peculiar features of each field and to suggest how these can be met; to submit her plans for work to the Board; to inform herself thoroughly with regard to the workings of the Board; and to refer to the Board all matters requiring executive power."

Your slary will remain the same as at present, with the understanding that you may have two months' vacation in the summer time. Our ladies felt that as you had spoken of the matter of taking a rest from platform work from the middle of December until the first

of February, there ought to be some adjustment so far as salary is concerned for those months, as it would practically mean freedom from platform work three and one-half months out of the twelve; and it did not seem just to the other Field Secretaries, whose salaries are not as large as yours, and who have but two months' vacation, or in the case of those who do not give all their time to the work and who are only paid for the time spent on the field, that your salary should be the same when you were not engaged in the regular platform work of the Woman's Board. Have you any proposition to make in regard to those six weeks in the winter time?

I trust that your summer may be a real rest to you and that you may be able to enter upon your work in the fall greatly strengthened.

We are only half force here in the office just now and as Miss Petrie is at Northfield, I am alone and my hands are just as about as full as they can be, but I am glad to do the extra work in July, for it means that I can take my vacation in August.

Dr. Work, who is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, was a former pastor of mine and he and his wife called at the office a few days ago, but I was away at the time. Doubtless you have meet them and will meet them again.

Yours with love,

Ella A Boole

Dictated. New York, July 19, 1906.

Miss Elizabeth B. Williams,

R. F. D. #36, Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Miss Williams:-

I am glad you are having a little vacation at your old home.

Miss Petrie is at Northfield, Mrs. Gildersleeve and Miss Lincoln are away on their vacation; Dr. McAfee was not well and was obliged to take an extra vacation, and Mr. Craig, the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools, is here, so you can readily see I am not having an easy time, and this intense heat is not calculated to make one energetic.

I believe Mr. Baskervill thinks he can secure some one as principal teacher at the Farm School.

Dear Miss Williams, I wish you might be able to come here so that we could talk over some matters, but can you not write just as you would talk? There are so many things that we would like to see rightly adjusted, and not the least are some of the things at the Farm School. Write me frankly anything that is on your heart, and if you do not want it told elsewhere, I will keep your confidence, though it will give me information that will help me to stand for any position that needs to be taken.

We do know that the scholarship work entails endless correspondence, and if our women would only give as willingly without having a special boy assigned we would be only too glad, but human nature is such that we like to know where our money is going.

Very cordially yours,

Edna A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, July 19, 1905.

Mrs. J. F. Pingry,

Allenhurst, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Pingry:-

According to promise, my article for the Home Mission Monthly is enclosed. It seemed to me that the best title for this year would be Rally and Advance, and I have tried to explain as specifically as possible the special needs.

Trusting that this is what you want, I am,

Cordially yours,

Edna A. Poole.

Suggestions to Principals in Boarding schools under the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

1. Buy food in quantity, at wholesale whenever possible. Lay in supplies for three months at a time, when climate will permit.

2. Canned goods by the case, tomatoes in gallon cans.

3. Use standard cereals, as oatmeal, rolled wheat, cornmeal, hominy and rice, all of which may be bought in bulk. Cereals which are already prepared, as shredded wheat, force, etc., may be used once a week.

4. Use evaporated fruits, prunes, peaches, apples, etc., also fresh fruit in season or if inexpensive. Home canned fruits, if they can be put up in the school. If canned fruits must be purchased, use only once a week.

5. If broken macaroni is purchased by the barrel, it is very cheap and exceedingly wholesome.

6. Broken rice, if cooked without stirring, is just as good as whole rice, and costs about half as much.

7. Crackers and ginger snaps may be purchased by the barrel.

8. Cereal coffee for breakfast; cocoa occasionally for supper. Hot dirnks are not necessary at dinner.

9. Baked beans once a week are wholesome, and take the place of meat. Let them be home cooked.

10. In the judgment of the Board, cereal coffee ought always to be provided instead of coffee. Let the food, so far as possible, be the kind obtainable at the homes of the children, but prepared in a wholesome and palatable manner, with sufficient variety to safeguard health.

11. When milk is produced on the farm, let the children have all that can be spared.

12. Condensed milk may be used in the preparation of deserts, if fresh milk cannot be obtained.

13. We recommend one of the following brands of cereal coffee, for which we have obtained the special price in quantities.

Caramel Cereal --- six cents per pound in barrel lots, about one hundred pounds.
Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Food Co.,
Battle Creek, Michigan.

Old Grist Mill --- thirteen cents per pound in cases of twenty-four pounds.
Potter & Wrightington,
38 Charles River Ave., Charlestown, Boston, Mass.

Dictated. New York, July 28, 1905.

Mrs. Sarah White,

Marshall, N. C.

Dear Mrs. White:-

Your letter at hand. Mr. Gray had written about Mrs. Bishop and Mr. Craig forwarded her as application blank, as it is one of the rules of the Board that all applications must be made in person or by a letter over their own signature. I trust she will be the right one, and if she is, there is no doubt but what she will be appointed. I hope she may be in a hurry, however, about getting her credentials in, as part of us leave for vacation on August 1st, and we would like to have these matters settled, so far as possible, before we go.

I hope I may be in the office when Miss Beth is in New York and calls at the office. However, she will see Miss Lincoln and Mrs. Gildersleeve, as our vacation turn comes during the month of August.

Very cordially yours,

Ella V. Brooks.

Dictated. New York, July 31, 1908.

Mr. W. L. Palmer,

Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Mr. Palmer:-

For a long time the Woman's Board of Home Missions has considered the advisability of introducing more uniformity in regard to the food in our various boarding schools. To this end, a year ago a letter was addressed to each school asking that a copy of the menus for one week be sent us. There was such a difference in these menus, as well as in the prices for the conduct of the schools, that a committee of the Woman's Board was appointed to consider the whole matter.

While we understand perfectly that a model menu can not be framed which will be equally suitable for Alaska, the Mexicans, the Indians and the mountain field, we do realize what difficulties matrons and superintendents, inexperienced in catering to large families, find in assuming charge of this part of the work, especially when they do not know what the Woman's Board is willing to furnish in the way of food for pupils and teachers. We are aware also, of the fact that different localities require different foods, and in some places it would be absolutely impossible to obtain food easily obtainable elsewhere.

The committee on Menus brought to its help the very best aid obtainable, and after a thorough consideration of the subject brought in a report, which included 1st. a model menu for one week; 2nd. a list of food suitable for meals: 3rd. suggestions to principals with regard to buying provisions, etc.; 4th. suggestions to matrons in the use of foods and their preparation; 5th. a collection of a few practical recipes. The model menu is intended to be suggestive along the line of combination of foods and is in no sense obligatory, but will be particularly helpful to principals and matrons who want help along the lines of the proper combination of foods and who wish their planning to be in harmony with what the Woman's Board is willing to furnish.

We are well aware that while in some communities fish is easily obtainable, and in Alaska might be used three or four times a week, in other communities the children would not like it at all, and it could never be used. We are also aware that in some communities a very much greater variety of vegetables can be obtained than in others, nevertheless discretionary power must be left with principals and matrons to decide these details.

While the tastes of the children must be consulted, this will be met, if efforts are made to give them the kind of food obtainable at their homes, but, of course, prepared in a wholesome and palatable manner, with sufficient variety to safeguard health.

The book on "Institution Recipes, which is sent you, will be of valuable service to matrons in the preparation of the food and deciding upon quantities. In it the recipes are for 150 people, but in the additional recipes, which go with it, the

recipes are for 75 people.

It is not expected that the teachers will be confined to this menu, so that a list of extras for teachers has been suggested which may be enlarged, however, always remembering that the Woman's Board desires you to look carefully after this expense, and no boarding school in its food for either teachers or pupils ought to be an unnecessary drain upon our treasury. Every effort ought to be made to keep expenses as low as possible, but we are equally sure that much illness is prevented where proper food and the proper combination of foods is used .

Will you place the book, "Institution Recipes," and one of the little booklets accompanying it, in the hands of your matron, and ask her to carry out faithfully the provisions, so far as it is possible, in your school?

Trusting that the cook book may be helpful, and that these suggestions may be the means of systematizing and simplifying the boarding department of your school, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ellen T. Boole.

Dictated. New York, July 31, 1905.

Mrs. A. L. Granger,

Kaysville, Utah.

Dear Mrs. Granger:-

Mrs. James has been out of town and is only in for a few moments to-day. She has read your letter and the ones accompanying it, and desires me to say to you that it must be a great satisfaction to you to know that your work has been so permanent. She would write herself but there is not time to-day. She rejoices with you in the knowledge of the good accomplished by your years of missionary service.

The matter of your having a commission has been brought up, and we regret that one can not be granted, inasmuch as the railroads will not allow us to commission workers without salary for the purpose of securing railroad rates. We must state that the applicant has no other means of support, and that would not be true. We regret that we can not help you in this way.

We all enjoyed meeting your daughter last winter when she was in New York, and know it must be a gratification to you that her addresses were so acceptable everywhere. May you both be greatly blessed in your new field at Kaysville. With love to her and yourself, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Colleat Brooks

Dictated. New York, July 31, 1905.

Mrs. C. W. Robinson,

Bloomington, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:-

The same mail that brought your letter brought one from Edna Bigler saying that she had decided to go to the Salt Lake Normal and Collegiate Institute this coming year, in accordance with our offer to her. Every one speaks very highly of Edna, both as to her missionary spirit and her consecration to the Master's work, but she is not a good speller nor a good penman, so we could not appoint her as a teacher, but all who know her think it will be worth while to make her one of our workers. Accordingly, we insisted upon it that she take another year of schooling, paying particular attention to writing, spelling and to the study of English. This she has agreed to do, and we shall be very glad if the Rock River Presbyterial Society will continue her support. Of course, it will be $100.00 instead of $75.00.

Mrs. Baker is writing you by this mail in reference to Edna's clothing for the coming year. I hope the ladies may feel that they can do something along this line, and if the clothing is not exactly new, it will probably answer, but have them let us know what they can do.

Dr. Marsh is not under the Woman's Board now; he did not feel that he could go back to Sitka, and I understand that he is working up a practice at Odell. Without doubt you could secure him for some of your meetings if you wanted him. He certainly must have had an interesting experience at Point Barrow, and the very fact that he had been up there would draw well.

The Advance Movement is on, and we are doing our best to secure the loyal support of it. The women will respond nobly, and we trust that the year may show great gain.

Yours with love,

Ellen T. Brooks

Cragsmoor, Ulster Co., N. Y.
August 3, 1905.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,
17 E. Jefferson St.,
Colorado Springs, Col.

My dear Mrs. Palmer:

Your letter of the 24th ult. was carefully considered by the officers of the Woman's Board and their decision laid before the Men's Board through Dr. Dixon.

As Field Secretary covering the territory of the Board of the Northwest, you do not occupy the same relation to the work that Mrs. D. B. Wells does, by any means. The Woman's Board is in constant correspondence with the women of this Field, and all printed matter is sent out by them. You simply cover as much ground in this territory as a speaker, with the assistance of other speakers, as you are able to, but the plans for such representation you formulate and submit to the Board.

Of course your plans would be in entire harmony, and co-operation with the officers of these synods and territories. Whether you include all this territory in a year's plan of work, and try to take a general survey of it, or only a part of it for the first year, is for you to decide, or advise with us about, before action. Remember you can have the help of our missionaries at all times, when you see where they can be used.

As to the salary, we have never been niggardly in

apportioning salaries- with the exception of the Board of the Northwest, we have been more generous to speakers than other Boards. Your living for nine months of the year, or thereabouts, will cost nothing. Of course the rent of a furnished room or rooms will be expensive, but we are glad you will have that haven of refuge when tired out with speaking.

We want you to take this rest whenever you need it without stint that you may be the longer preserved to us. Mrs. Gildersleeve has only the salary you receive, and she is a most acceptable speaker and Secretary, and has a little family to support. Another year we hope she may have an increase.

But we must be careful of the money entrusted to us.

One point we would strongly emphasize. You must <u>not</u> go over your time in speaking. You may feel almost insulted by the brief time allowed you on a program, but boil down your talk, and give them undiluted <u>Home Missions</u>. Never fear that you will not make a sufficient impression. We have had complaints from four important persons lately- Home and Foreign- on this point- so please for the sake of Home Missions guard well this point. If you do not get through your speech, they will want more of it in future, a continued serial.

Now in closing let me say that you are very dear to us, one of us, we love you, pray for you, and sympathize with you constantly.

We have left you free to choose when to work and when to rest, knowing well that we shall be best served in your work by

(Mrs. Palmer, #2.)

letting you work in your own way.

Miss Julia Fraser, a most gifted young woman, whose father was Synodical Superintendent of the western coast, who sent the first minister to Salt Lake City, is Field Secretary for the same territory he covered. We have granted her request for $65.00 a month for each working month; she desires three months to herself. So you see we decide each question by itself, each speaker by herself. We consider $900. a year spent mostly on the field equivalent to $1200.oo in office work. I do not wish to convey the impression that we may never allow you more than you are now receiving, but we had better wait.

Now, may our Master, whom we love, for whom service is a joy, bless you and accept your work for Him, repaying you a thousand-fold, as is His wont.

Write us freely of your trials and triumphs- trust us to help you in every way to the extent of our wisdom and ability, and believe us, ever faithfully yours,

Mary E. James,

President.

(For the Board.)

Dictated. New York, September 2, 1905.

Miss Alice C. Patterson,

Oxford, Ohio.

Dear Miss Patterson:-

Mrs. James is still away on her summer vacation and your letter has come into my hands. I presume Miss Robinson sails for Porto Rico next week, when the other workers go, and we are planning for a farewell meeting for them on Friday, at noon. Five will sail on Saturday, and I shall take great pleasure in meeting Miss Robinson, and your letter gives me added interest in her.

If I remember rightly she goes to Mayaguez and will be under Miss Ordway's supervision. Comfort her parents by telling them that Miss Ordway is one of the most charming and efficient teachers we have in all our work, and the school at Mayaguez is the pride of the Woman's Board.

Mrs. James will probably reply to your letter herself, as we will forward it to her, but I wanted to send you just this little message.

Yours with love,

Ella F. Poole.

Dictated. New York, September 2, 1905.

Miss Julia Fraser,
1504 Fifth Ave.,
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

I am just back from my vacation and find your letters, and have also read the ones addressed to Mrs. Gildersleeve.

I am very glad indeed that you will accept the position of Field Secretary, and as soon as our ladies knew that $65.00 a month was the amount that would be satisfactory to you, they were glad to grant it. This leaves you a little bit freer, as you take pay for the time you work than it would if you had a stated amount for the year and were allowed two months' vacation.

In regard to the duties of Field Secretary:- Part of the work may be by correspondence - of course, in connection with the synodical officers - and if synodical officers will keep you in touch with their plans you may be able to help many times in carrying them out.

Your territory, as defined by the Board, is the whole Pacific Coast, so that it would cover the territory of the North Pacific Board, as well as California.

Your duties will be to stimulate societies by correspondence and visitation, help synodical officers that a society may be organized in every church

where contributions may be made for Home Missions. It may be easier for you to approach pastors than synodical officers, but any way the work can be done together.

We will be glad to have some stationery printed for you with your name upon it as Field Secretary. We aill, also, be glad to supply you copies of all the new leaflets issued, so that you may be in touch with the work here and know what to send out. Wherever you can urge upon women to subscribe to the Home Mission Monthly, please do so, for you will be leaving them something that will give them permanent inspiration and information in regard to the work.

Of course, any plan you may make for the furtherance of the work it will be well for you to submit it to the Woman's Board for their approval, becaue it is quite essential that the Field Secretaries work in as much harmony with this end of the line as they do with synodical officers.

I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you personally some time, and can assure you that we here in the office will be glad to be of any assistance in our power.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Powell.

Dictated. New York, September 5, 1905.

Rev. F. L. Schaub,

Marble, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mr. Schaub:-

In a letter to Dr. McAfee you requested that you might be able to secure some scholarships for full blood Indians, or rather a suggestion that we secure them, and that they might be admitted to the school at Dwight. The matter has been presented, and while you wanted, I think, twenty, and Mr. Craig thought he might be able to secure some of them, I take pleasure in saying that I have secured one. The ladies of Mount Vernon, Iowa, will pay for the scholarship of one full blood Indian for this coming year. We asked them to give us $25.00, as the expense might run a little over the $20.00 you asked for. I hope you will be able to secure a boy and communicate with Miss Anna Kopf, Mount Vernon, Iowa. The more needy the boy may be the more pleased they will be.

Trusting that you are beginning the work of the new year with a good attendance, and that the work may be greatly prospered all the year, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, September 5, 1905.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

Your letter received this morning, and as we had the first meeting of the Woman's Board for the autumn, we talked the matter over. We are very thankful that you have so far recovered from your illness as to be able to leave the hospital, and trust that your sojourn in the mountains may be very beneficial to you.

Your request that you be relieved of the work until November 7th was considered, and our ladies are perfectly willing to trust you in the decision as to when you will be able to return to your work; they prefer, however, that you take until December 1st as a complete rest, then, if able to come back, it will be all right.

I am sure they will not want you to pay for Miss Coe's services during the time you are obliged to be absent from the work, but that they will provide for that. Our ladies have implicit confidence in your judgment in most matters, but fear that when you yourself are concerned you may be somewhat biased and they count you too valuable in the work to want you to overdo at this time. You know physicians do not prescribe for themselves or their families,

because they are afraid to trust their own judgment, but we would rather you would err on the side of being too careful of yourself rather than to go back to your work too soon and then break down.

There was a general thanksgiving that you were well enough to write a letter with your own hand, and I will see that a copy is sent to Mrs. James; she has not yet returned from the country. We are urging her to stay just as long as she will.

Dr. McAfee is back but is not at all well and feels that a long rest may be to him a necessity, but we are hoping that he may soon be better. All of the rest of the office force are busy at their desks. September is always an unusually busy month with us, not only because of the accumulated work of the summer but because most of us are planning to be away attending synodical meetings during October and must do the work in advance, as well as the summer's work.

Remember me very kindly to all the workers at the Home Industrial, and praying that your rest may mean entire recovery, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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Dictated. New York, September 6, 1905.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

Cragsmoor, Ulster Co., N. Y.

Dear Mrs. James:-

The enclosed letter from Miss Stephenson came yesterday and in accordance with her request, I had it copied and sent you.

We had a very pleasant meeting of the Woman's Board yesterday morning: Mrs. Honeyman presided. Mrs. Pingry, Miss White, Mrs. Finks, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. La Roe, Mrs. Burtis, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Hallock and Mrs. Olin were all here, and the work done during the summer was submitted for their approval. All seemed in good spirits and ready to take up the work with zeal and enthusiasm. You were mentioned many times and the hope expressed that, while they all wanted to see you, you would make your vacation as long as you could be contented.

When the ladies were here, Mrs. Finks presented to us her perplexity in listing the new Committee on Work among Foreigners on the cover of the Home Mission Monthly, as there did not seem to be room for another committee. As we talked it over it seemed to all present that it would be a good thing to re-arrange the committees and, except on the Ways and Means Committee, let each woman's

name appear but once. This would save considerable room, as some ladies are now members of two and even three committees. The suggestion was made that a letter be written to each lady asking on which committee she would prefer to have her name stand, also saying that if they were conducting any correspondence with teachers in any of the special fields, of course that correspondence could be considered. What do you think of it? Of course, we will do nothing in the matter until you have carefully considered it. This would give considerable more room on the cover, and we also have several ladies who have been elected members of the Board who are not now upon any committees. When you return, if this list can be revised it would be a good thing. We will send out a letter to each member of the Board before the third Tuesday meeting, urging attendance and calling their attention to the meetings.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, September 7, 1905.

Mrs. J. B. Butter, Synod President, Montana

Culbertson, Montana.

Dear Mrs. Butter:-

I do not know to whom to address this letter so I am sending it to you, and you will pass it on to the proper one. We all regret that you feel you must lay down the work, but know that your interest will continue even though you can not be synodical president. I presume new officers will be elected at the synodical meeting, and I am glad you are to have the services of Mrs. Palmer. She is full of enthusiasm and zeal for the work and, as you know, has been appointed Field Secretary for the Northwest. She will count it a pleasure to do all she can to further the work within the bounds of your synod, and some time in addition to the meeting of your synodical society will be accorded you for special work. We hope you will make good use of her in visiting weak societies and organizing new ones.

The Woman's Board will defray the expenses, your societies providing entertainment. The collections at all your meetings, except the meeting of the synodical society, will be for the building fund apportionment of your synodical society. This will enable her to speak for that fund, and we believe will result in an increase in gifts. Of course, whatever you are able to pay for her services

at your synodical meeting will be applied on the traveling expenses, but it will come to this Board and we will defray the expenses.

We hope your synodical meeting may be a very successful one and that it may mean increased enthusiasm and zeal on the part of your workers.

I hope some time to be able to visit you myself, but this year my work includes visits to another part of the country.

Praying God's richest blessing upon you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, September 7, 1905.

So. Dak. Pres.

Miss Anna E. McCauley,

Bridgewater, South Dakota.

Dear Miss McCauley:-

We are glad you are to have the services of Mrs. Flora D. Palmer at your coming synodical meeting. Mrs. Palmer is full of enthusiasm and zeal for the work and, as you know, has been appointed Field Secretary for the Northwest. She will count it a pleasure to do all she can to further the work within the bounds of your synod, and some time in addition to the meeting of the synodical society will be accorded you for special work. We hope you will make good use of her in visiting weak societies and organizing new ones.

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Praying God's richest blessing upon you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, September 9, 1905.

Mrs. Emma R. James,

Cragsmoor, Ulster Co., N. Y.

Dear Mrs. James:-

In reference to Dr. McAfee's resignation:- We have been talking matters over here in the office and it seems to us that the consideration of its acceptance, even if it should be presented on Tuesday, ought to be referred back to the general conference for consideration.

You, perhaps, noticed that in his resignation he said he needed a year of perfect rest. He is quite low spirited, and whether it is the prospect of being laid aside always that is having a bad effect upon him, we do not know. We are trying to persuade him to defer presenting his resignation until after you return. In the event that he will not be persuaded, it will have to be presented on Tuesday and the office will recommend as I have stated above.

Do you think it would be at all feasible to give Dr. McAfee a year's leave of absence, calling Mr. Craig from the field to do the work during this year? If the work is more than Mr. Craig can do, let Miss Lincoln do a part of the financial work, and I do a part of the work in reference to teachers. The year's work would be of incalculable benefit to Mr. Craig, in fitting him for Assistant

Superintendent, because he would know things from this end of the line, as well as from the other, and we would all be satisfied, in the event that Dr. McAfee was not able to return, whether Mr. Craig would be able to do the work of School Superintendent. We, who are here, all feel that he would not be able to stand the climate of New York. Any way, it would leave the Board free to decide at the end of the year what re-organization or re-adjustment might be necessary in that office.

I know I am writing you very crudely in regard to the matter but you will grasp the situation and perhaps be able to suggest something. Whether Dr. McAfee will ever be able to return or not is an open question, but it seems to us here that the chance of his recovery will be better if he knows that his old position will be open for him at the end of a year's rest, while if he has nothing to look forward to, he will grow completely discouraged. As he has broken down in the service, there may be something to recommend in regard to part salary during that time, but, of course, that is a matter that will need to be very carefully considered. We are doing our best to persuade him to defer putting in his resignation until your return. In the meantime, you can be thinking about what ought to be done.

The five teachers for Cuba and Porto Rico sail to-day. Miss Petrie has gone over to the steamer with the party that goes to Porto Rico, and I am to go with the party that goes to Cuba. They are a very nice company of young women, full of youthful enthusiasm but thoroughly consecrated.

Yours with love,

Lucia Ames

Dictated. New York, September 9, 1905.

Miss Ina McBurney,

Grassy Cove, Tenn.

Dear Miss McBurney:-

Dr. McAfee will reply to your letter in reference to the financial duties devolving upon you. I hope you will make it very clear to the people of Grassy Cove that when they pay $50.00 a month for the school that is there they are getting three teachers for twelve months in the year, and something for which the Woman's Board pays a good deal more. They ought to be told, also, that the Woman's Board has considered not taking any more public money, and that a resolution now stands upon our books that after 1908 no public funds willbe received. Of course that gives the communities ample time to provide for themselves and, perhaps, by that time some adjustment can be effected.

In the matter of stationery:- Dr. McAfee says you are to order it and put in the bill with your current expense account. If you have a large supply of the old paper on hand, would it not be a good idea to have the top cut off and have it printed again? This will make short sheets, which will do for some of your correspondence, while you can have large sheets printed also. Please note

that my name is spelled wrong, and also place Mrs. Gildersleeve's name instead of Miss White's.

Rejoicing with you at your opportunities for Christian service, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. New York, September 11, 1905.

Mrs. D. E. Waid,

430 West 118th St., City.

Dear Mrs. Waid:-

There was a small meeting of the Woman's Board on last Tuesday, but the usual first Tuesday reports were not called for and, on motion, it was decided to defer them until to-morrow, so that if it is possible for you to be present at the meeting all will be glad to see you.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. New York, September 14, 1905.

Miss L. C. Galbraith,

Costilla, New Mexico.

Dear Miss Galbraith:-

Your letter of September 4th at hand, and we are glad that you are located in your new field and that matters are progressing so nicely.

In regard to the kitchen furnishings:- We have decided to allow you to expend five dollars for kitchen furnishings, and, unless the prices are very much higher than they are here, that will get quite a supply for your small housekeeping.

We are interested to know of the work Mr. Garcia has undertaken, and that you are to have so good a helper. In regard to his children, we hardly know what to say. You understand that we must be very careful about our evangelists and not let them feel they can depend upon the Presbyterian Church for everything. At a conference yesterday it was decided to recommend that if Mr. Garcia will pay full tuition for two of his children the rest could be sent without tuition. This, as you see, will be considerably less than half price, and yet his self-respect will be maintained. Make it clear that this is done not particularly because of his services but because of our sympathy with his desire to educate his children, and because he has so large a family.

You will be sorry to learn that Dr. McAfee has not recovered from his illness as we expected he would, and he has presented his resignation. Mr. Craig will probably before very long, and while the election of a School Superintendent will not take place for some time, yet Mr. Craig will have charge of the office work until that time.

Praying that God will richly bless you in all your work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, September 13, 1905.

Mrs. W. P. Allen,

Harrison, New York.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

We have learned through Mrs. Parsons that you have returned from your sojourn abroad, and shall hope to see you at the regular meeting of the Woman's Board.

So many great problems must be discussed from time to time that we need all the help we can get from the members of our Advisory Committee.

Hoping that it will be possible for you to meet with us often, and in any event let us hear from you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, September 14, 1905.

Miss Anna E. Coe,

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Miss Coe:-

I am very glad to know that you are back in your old place at the Home Industrial, and trust that you may be given strength for the new, old duties.

The book on cookery was mailed you two or three days ago, and without doubt you have received it by this time. I also sent the manuscript of your own book, and trust that reached you all right.

These are busy days for us in the office, but we rejoice in the cool air which gives us the needed strength for our work. Mrs. James has not yet returned from the country, but we are expecting her back next week.

We are so thankful to learn of Miss Stephenson's improvement in health, and it may mean that she will get from this illness such rest that it may mean many more days of service. Not very long ago Rev. Charles H. Cook, the missionary among the Pimas, was in the office and he said that sometimes people wouldn't take rest even though they needed it; that was the case with Paul, and when

they put him in prison he had to take a rest. We may not all be sent to prison, but sometimes illness gives us the rest that is necessary.

With love to all the workers, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, September 12, 1905.

Mrs. Gideon Fountain,

36 East 64th St., City.

Dear Mrs. Fountain:-

The regular meetings of the Woman's Board will be resumed on Tuesday, September 19th, and we hope it will be possible for you to be present.

The work of the Woman's Board is very great and many perplexing problems have to be decided, so that we need the help and advice of every member of the Advisory Committee. We hope you will be able to be present at the first and third Tuesday meetings. In any event, let us know whether we can depend upon you.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, September 14, 1905.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

Cragsmoor, Ulster Co., N. Y.

Dear Mrs. James:-

You will be back so soon that it seems almost too bad to bother you with any matters of business now, but there are two or three matters you may want to think about.

Dr. McAfee insisted on his resignation being presented on Tuesday, but consideration of it was deferred. However, permission was granted him to retire from the office at any time he felt it absolutely necessary. It was also presented at the meeting of the School Committee, and this action was approved.

The meeting on Tuesday was a good one. Nearly all the chairmen of the Standing Committees were present, but few others. It seemed fitting that the resignation of so faithful a worker as Dr. McAfee should be presented when more were present, and it could be presented in a way that showed our appreciation of the good work he has done.

In regard to the organization of a synodical society in New Mexico,- We have looked up the matter and find that there are but eight societies in the three presbyteries of that synod that contribute anything to the Woman's Board, so that it would seem to

be impossible to frame a synodical society until more work had been done along presbyterial lines.

At a conference here in the office it seemed to us that Mrs. Sevier (nee Miss Headingham) might do that work at very much less expense than to have Miss Fraser come from California. New Mexico and Arizona properly belong to the Board of the Southwest. There are quite a number of churches within that field that ought to contribute something toward the work of the Woman's Board, and might we not do the preliminary work this year, working up more auxiliary societies and get presbyterial organizations. In the meantime, let us ask Mrs. Sevier to see what she can do toward an organization in Santa Fe Presbytery; there is not even an auxiliary society in Santa Fe. Then, if it was deemed best, Miss Fraser could visit these fields another year, but it would mean considerable expense and take her off the field quite a while to do it now.

In regard to Jewett, New Mexico:- We are all quite agreed that there never has been enough help there. Mr. Craig was there in the spring and knows the situation without making a special visit now. I think Dr. Thompson has written him to return here by the middle of October, for I know some of his synodical dates have been canceled.

We shall all be glad to see you back, and hope that your summer has been a real rest.

Yours with love,

Ellen F. Boole

Dictated. New York, September 14, 1905.

Syndl Corr.

Mrs. Paul Raymond,

800 Spruce St., Boulder, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Raymond:-

As I am planning to attend the Colorado Synodical meeting, at Longmont, October 18th, I thought I would send you a line and possibly you might plan to be there. It is not at all probable I would be able to recognize the baby girl I used to carry around in the clothes basket, but I remember the circumstance very well, and it would give me a great deal of pleasure to see you after all these years.

As Boulder is so near Longmont, will you not be sure to plan to be there? I presume your father and mother are in California. I should like to see them again. The last time I saw your mother was in Washington, and we had a nice little visit, but that was a dozen years ago. As I do not expect to go to Longmont until the morning of the synodical meeting, there would be no time to send you word after my arrival. Hoping to meet you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Chas. Cook,

Dictated. New York, September 21, 1905.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard, Syndl Pres.

1939 California St.,

San Francisco, Cali.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

Your nice, long letter at hand and it is a great comfort to us to hear from those who are so closely in touch with the work. The work of the Woman's Board is so great and there are so many, many details to be looked after, and you are so near at hand and feel so much responsibility for the North Fork work, that you can so much better adjust such matters than we can that it is a comfort.

Your suggestion in regard to Miss Fraser's going to Las Vegas to organize the Synodical Society of New Mexico was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday. It was very carefully considered. The minutes of the Board were examined and we found that but eight societies in the Synod of New Mexico, which covers both New Mexico and Arizona, had contributed last year to the work of the Woman's Board. Precedents were looked into, and it was found that the first step in the organization of a synodical society was to request Synod to appoint a synodical com-

mittee; then presbyterial organizations must be worked up, and then the synodical society organized. Accordingly, it was decided that the time was not ripe for the organization of the synodical society, but was ripe for the preliminary work and that possibly another year the way might be opened for the organization, but that the most that could be done this year was for the Woman's Board to approach synod, asking for the appointment of a synodical committee. This we will do at once, and some other time, perhaps, the way may open for Miss Fraser to visit that field.

Arizona and New Mexico are in charge of the Board of the Southwest, and so that field does not come in Miss Fraser's territory; her field being the territory of the Occidental Board and that of the North Pacific, including, as you know, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Of course, there is nothing to prevent her going into other territory, but those States are her special field.

We are rejoiced to know of the splendid work she is doing, and know that God is blessing her in her efforts. The work of a Field Secretary, or organizer, is by no means easy, but we know that her life is so given to the work that she will push it at every point. The action of the officers, in granting her a salary of $65.00 per month during as many months of the year as she shall give to the work, was approved by the Board, and all rejoice in her ability to so present the work as to win the support of those who are luke warm.

(Mrs. Goddard. #2.)

I start out on my synodical trip next week and will be gone nearly five weeks, visiting in all five synodical meetings and three presbyterials, and a few of the schools in Indian Territory.

We trust that your synodical meeting may be a blessed one and know that this annual coming together of the Home Mission workers does give inspiration and enthusiasm.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, September 21, 1905.

Mrs. D. E. Waid,

430 West 118th St., City.

Dear Mrs. Waid:-

Mrs. James has asked me to say that she has appointed you a member of the Finance and Building Committee of the Woman's Board. Let me congratulate you upon this addition to your many labors in connection with the Home Mission cause, because, of course, you will accept.

A very important matter will be brought before the Ways and Means Committee at its meeting on Tuesday, October 26th, at 10.30 A. M. We hope it may be possible for you to be present.

Yours with love,

Dictated. New York, September 21, 1905.

Mrs. Robert Ranken,

3154 Magnolia Ave.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Ranken:-

Your letter of September 18th just at hand, and I am so glad you can arrange your presbyterial meeting so that it will be possible for me to meet with you. October 27th will suit me best. In fact, there is no other time I could give you a day, unless you could hold it as early in the month as October 5th, and then I could not reach St. Louis before 2 P. M., and would be obliged to leave again that night on my way to Indian Territory.

My synodical trip will be rather a long one but it will be time well invested, as I shall not only visit the Indian field but have the opportunity of attending five synodical meetings and three presbyterials. When we consider that I shall have to journey as far West as Denver, stopping en route both ways, I will be able to accomplish a good deal.

I shall be very glad to have the opportunity of meeting the ladies in St. Louis, and trust that your presbyterial meeting may be a fruitful one.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen F. Beard

Dictated. New York, September 22, 1905.

Mrs. Charles L. Bailey,

31 South Front St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:--

Your postal in reference to section five in "Rally and Advance" at hand. For a number of years the Woman's Board has been assuming a certain amount of the work of evangelization, which properly belongs to the Board of Home Missions. For instance, we pay the salaries of all the ministers in Southeastern Alaska, and also of the ministers in French Broad Presbytery. Last year and the year before, after the expenses of the school work were met, we did not have enough to pay these salaries, although they had been assumed by us, and the Board of Home Missions not only paid the salaries but enabled us to report "no debt" at General Assembly.

We feel this year that we ought to put forth strenuous efforts not only to pay all the expenses of the school work but also meet the obligations entailed through assuming the salaries of these ministers in Alaska and in French Broad Presbytery. It is true that 105 church organizations have grown out of the work of the Woman's Board. We rejoice in that, and the Board fully appreciates the fact that their work is based on that very thing of organizing new churches. The funds, however, in their hands are not sufficient to meet all the demands, and they must constantly deny requests to

very needy fields, so it was deemed wise to make an especial effort this year to gather funds so that we could take care not only of our school work but of the churches that have grown out of it. I am sure our women want to do this.

The fact of the matter is that from some quarters there is a little complaint that the amount of money contributed for school work in the church is out of proportion to the amount contributed for evangelization. This, of course, is due to the fact that the men are not as well educated on missionary topics as women are, neither are they as willing to make sacrifices to give. Then we have back of us our splendid organization of women, who, seeing the need, put forth heroic efforts to give to it. We very greatly hope our receipts this year may be so much increased that we shall be able to meet every dollar of the work for evangelization that we have assumed.

Very cordially yours,

Elliot H. Bowles

Dictated. New York, September 23, 1905.

Mrs. W. W. Knox,

New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Knox:-

Miss Long has referred your letter to me in reference to the work at Logan, Utah. Mr. Smith, who has been superintendent of the work there, was obliged to resign in the spring because his wife and family were unable to stand the high altitude. We were some time in getting a new superintendent, but a man has been secured whom we believe is well fitted for the position.

There is great need of a dormitory for girls at Logan. The academy is flourishing, and many students come from a distance to attend it. As the dormitory room is so crowded, they are obliged to board in the town and can find board no where except in Mormon homes. Then, if we would have the full influence of our Christian schools felt in their lives, they must be kept under Christian influence seven days of the week. New Jersey Synodical Society has undertaken the work of raising $6,000 for this new dormitory. I think last year they raised nearly $3,000, and the other $3,000 they are determined to raise this year, and they are depending upon the help of all the women in all the societies. We certainly hope the full amount will be raised this year, because it is so greatly

needed, and scarcely a week goes by but what some letter comes from Logan that we hurry up matters at this end of the line, but no matter how great the need made be, the Woman's Board is not permitted to authorize the erection of a building until all the funds are in hand. The synodical officers of New Jersey are doing their utmost to impress the importance of this need upon all the women of the synod, and we are hoping they will cheerfully respond.

If there is any further information I can give, kindly let me know.

Cordially yours,

Ella F. Poole.

Dictated. New York, September 28, 1905.

Mrs. S. T. H. Weart,

Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Weart:-

I am very sorry that the letter from Mrs. Knox, asking for information in regard to the Logan school, which she wished to give to you, in some way failed to receive an answer in time for your meeting on the 21st. The letter went to Miss Long; she sent it to me, and I showed it to Mrs. Honeyman, who I thought took the letter with her, but just find it on my desk and regret very much the fact that you did not have the information in time.

The "Mary E. James School" is for Mexican boys; it is to be erected and endowed with the fund of $50,000 raised by the women of our Home Missionary Societies as a twenty-fifth anniversary gift. A number of synodical societies wanted to have their synodical presidents have a place in this building, and among these was New Jersey. The plan was that such synodical societies raise $100, which would be used in furnishing a room, to be named in honor of their president. Not nearly all the money for the "Honeyman" room is in hand, but we hope that enough of the societies may respond to bring in the full amount.

The Logan academy fund is this:- New Jersey academy is located at Logan, Utah. This is a first grade academy, and so many students apply for admission that they have to be turned away, unless we permit them to board in Mormon homes. About a year ago New Jersey decided to raise the money for a dormitory for girls that would cost about $6,000. Nearly $3,000 of this amount was raised last year, and the effort is being made - and a great effort it is - to raise the remainder this year. We hope that every woman who belongs to a Home Missionary society - in fact, every Presbyterian woman in New Jersey - will feel a little bit of responsibility and will want to have a share in it.

Regretting the delay in getting these facts before you, and hoping that the Bound Brook Society may still have a share in both these objects, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A Boole

Dictated. New York, September 22, 1905.

Mrs. A. D. Lundy,

36 East Fourth St.,

Williamsport, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Lundy:-

Your postal just at hand. I am sorry that the ladies are complaining because they have been unable to get prompt replies to their letters, as we endeavor to give every letter that comes to this office immediate attention.

The letters in regard to box work are addressed to me, but are handed over to Mrs. Baker, when they have to do with providing supplies for our schools, and to Miss Taft when they refer to boxes for the Board's missionaries. Mrs. Baker has been with the Board more than twenty years, and because she was not well, she was given an extra month's vacation this summer, so that she has been out of the office ever since August 1st, but is expected back the first of October. In her absence Miss Taft has been looking after the work of both departments, with the help of a stenographer.

I think our women can hardly realize how difficult it is to fit together the needs of the people on the field and the ability of our societies to supply those needs, and as we endeavor to administer this work intelligently, great care must be exercised.

You can readily see that when an application comes in the worker can not take an application out of a pigeon hole and put it in a letter and that meet the need, for, perhaps, that need is not at all what the society wants to supply. Again societies sometimes want three or four applications - perhaps specifying that they want small children, three or four in the family - sent them, and they have been known to keep these applications for two and even three weeks before returning them to the office. In the meantime, other societies want the same kind of an application, and they must be kept waiting. It is very different from filling an order for a leaflet or a piece of music.

Perhaps Miss Taft can not work as quickly as some other workers, but she is very careful and both she and Mrs. Baker endeavor to administer the work intelligently.

I am exceedingly sorry for the delay but as Mrs. Baker will be back in about a week's time, I am sure that letters will receive prompt attention, and I thank you very much for calling our attention to this delay, about which we did not know.

Cordially yours,

Ellen T. Poole

Dictated. New York, September 22, 1905.

Mrs. E. H. Avery,

Pleasanton, Alameda Co., Calif.

Dear Mrs. Avery:-

Your letter of September 15th at hand. We shall be very glad to send some literature explaining the details of the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. While the school work was the part given to the women of the Presbyterian Church, the Woman's Board has also assumed some evangelistic work. We pay the salaries of all the ministers in Southeastern Alaska and nearly all of the salaries of the ministers in French Broad Presbytery. In all, since the Woman's Board was organized, 105 church organizations have grown out of our school work, and it seems but fair and just that we should assist in the work of evangelization, inasmuch as nearly every one of these new churches request help from the Board, in order that they may have regular preaching of the gospel.

In addition to our school work we have a new hospital at Jewett, New Mexico, where we have work among the Navajo Indians, and our larger hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, where we can accommodate forty-eight patients.

In West Virginia we have a number of Bible readers who spend their time visiting among the people and doing real missionary work. These are the main lines of work the Woman's Board is trying

to do, and God is abundantly blessing this work. We have but the one school in Alaska, that at Sitka. The hospital there is small, but we maintain a trained nurse, who does a great deal of missionary work among the people.

If I can be of further assistance to you, let me know.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated.

New York, September 25, 1905.

Rev. Norman Skinner,

900 Twenty-eighth St.,

Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

A formal request has been sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod of New Mexico asking that a synodical committee, consisting of three ladies from each presbytery, be appointed as a preliminary step in the organization of a Woman's Synodical Home Missionary Society for the Synod of New Mexico. There are now in the Presbytery of Santa Fe three Home Missionary Societies, namely, Las Vegas First, Raton First and Taos Spanish, but we hope with the appointment of a synodical committee steps will at once be taken for the organization of a presbyterial society in the Presbytery of Santa Fe. We are sending you this notice that you may be prepared to recommend, if asked by Synod, the names of three ladies to serve upon this committee.

Respectfully yours,

Ella A. Boole

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, September 25, 1905.

Rev. Charles E. Lukens, M. D.,

Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear Dr. Lukens:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions feels that the time is ripe for the organization of a woman's synodical Home Missionary Society in the Synod of New Mexico. While very few churches within the bounds of the Synod now have women's Home Missionary societies - namely, Morenci and Phoenix First, in Arizona Presbytery; Albuquerque First, Portales and Roswell First, in Rio Grande Presbytery; Las Vegas First, Raton First and Taos Spanish, in Santa Fe Presbytery - nevertheless we feel the time has come when a synodical committee should be appointed in each presbytery within the bounds of your synod, with whom we may confer. It is customary to have this committee composed of three members from each presbytery appointed by synod, and on behalf of the Woman's Board we request that this be done at your next session. When these ladies are appointed, kindly send us their names and addresses?

Respectfully yours,

Ella A. Poole

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, September 25, 1905.

Rev. George Logie,

Box 423, Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Sir:-

A formal request has been sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod of New Mexico asking that a synodical committee, consisting of three ladies from each presbytery, be appointed as a preliminary step in the organization of a Woman's Synodical Home Missionary Society for the Synod of New Mexico. There are now in the Presbytery of Arizona two Home Missionary Societies, namely Morenci and Phoenix, but we hope with the appointment of a synodical committee steps will at once be taken for the organization of a presbyterial society in your presbytery. We are sending you this notice that you may be prepared to recommend, if asked by Synod, the names of three ladies to serve upon this committee.

Respectfully yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, September 25, 1905.

Rev. John R. Gass,

Box 386, Silver City, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

A formal request has been sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod of New Mexico asking that a synodical committee, consisting of three ladies from each presbytery, be appointed as a preliminary step in the organization of a Woman's Synodical Home Missionary Society for the Synod of New Mexico. There are now in the Presbytery of Rio Grande three Home Missionary Societies, namely, Albuquerque First, Portales and Roswell First, but we hope with the appointment of a synodical committee steps will at once be taken for the organization of a presbyterial society in your presbytery. We are sending you this notice that you may be prepared to recommend, if asked by Synod, the names of three ladies to serve upon this committee.

Respectfully yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, September 27, 1905.

Miss Julia Fraser,

1750 Washington St.,

San Francisco, Cali.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

Presuming that you were on the wing I have replied to Mrs. Goddard's letter containing the request that you go to Las Vegas to organize the New Mexico Synodical Society. We looked the matter up carefully and found that in the three presbyteries, which form the synod of New Mexico and Arizona, there are at present only eight Home Missionary Societies. In examining precedents we found it was customary to approach synod for the appointment of a woman's synodical committee of Home Missions first, after which presbyterial societies could be organized, and in this way the matter proceed in due form. The matter was presented at the meeting of our ladies on Tuesday and they decided that the time had not come for the completion of organization but that that a letter should be written asking for the appointment of these synodical committees. This has already been done. I presume you have learned of this before from Mrs. Goddard, but thought it best to write you also.

Your stationery has been ordered and will reach you very shortly. We only had five hundred sheets printed here, as we thought you could have it printed in San Francisco just as reasonably but we wanted to have the first done here. You will notice that it is in two sizes.

I start out to-morrow on my synodical trip and will be gone about four and one-half weeks. Perhaps it is because I have not been doing so much speaking but I have never started out on a trip that I dreaded as much as this one. However, it is all right and part of the work we are called to do for the Master.

Very cordially yours,

Elliot B. Burke.

Dictated. New York, September 27, 1905.

Mrs. M. R. Roche,

Dunbar St., Charleston, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Roche:-

Your letter just at hand. We are sure that the pleasure of entertaining the new synodical society of West Virginia will more than compensate you for the extra labor involved, and there always is labor in connection with entertaining such a meeting.

As you know, there are three presbyterial societies in West Virginia, and the way it was arranged last year was that there were five delegates from each presbyterial society, in addition to which there were the three members of the synodical committee, making a total of twenty-four who were to attend synod. If you were to allow for the officers besides this, I am sure it will be the whole number that you may expect. It is not like the presbyterial society- where each local society can have a delegate, but even some of those who will come will go with their husbands, and so extra entertainment will not be needed for them.

There are in all thirty woman's Home Missionary Societies in the Synod of West Virginia, of which ten are in Grafton Presbytery; seven in Parkersburg, and thirteen in Wheeling.

This probably will cover all the information you want, as I presume what you really want to find out is how many to prepare for. I am sure you will enjoy having Mrs. Gildersleeve with you at your synodical meeting. I shall always take a special interest in West Virginia, because it was my privilege to be with you when the society was organized.

Praying that your meeting may be greatly blessed in that it creates new enthusiasm, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Brooks.

Dictated. New York, September 27, 1905.

Miss Alice Blake,

Tremintina, New Mexico.

Dear Miss Blake:-

Your letter enclosing the report of the committee appointed by the Teachers' Institute of the Synod of New Mexico was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board yesterday. The ladies desire me to say that the effort to provide scholarships, which include board and tuition to such pupils in the plaza schools as complete the fifth grade, will be continued, and they hope this will be an incentive to the pupils to continue their educational work. The only doubt expressed was less too many pupils should desire admission to the school for us to be able to admit them all, but as the offer has been in existence a number of years, and with the present accommodations at "Pierson Hall" and such additional accommodations as we shall have when the new "Mary E. James School" is completed, we shall be able to accommodate them all.

With hearty appreciation of the earnestness and zeal with which our workers in both the plaza and advanced schools are doing their work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Collins Brooke

Thanking you for calling our attention to this worker and hoping she is the right one for the place, and that she may be strong enough to go, I am,

Cordially yours,

Collet Boole

Dictated. New York, September 27, 1905.

Secretary Woman's Board of Home Missions,

Baptist Church, 312 Fourth Ave., City.

Dear Friend:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church is desirous of ascertaining the scale of salaries paid by other Boards to missionary teachers, Bible readers, nurses and medical missionaries. We shall be greatly obliged if you will furnish us with your scale of salaries in all your fields, but especially in regard to the work in Cuba and Porto Rico.

Thanking you in advance for the information, I am,

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

the doctors said there would be no help for him if he did not take a year of absolute rest.

Very cordially yours,

Elliott Brooks

Dictated. New York, September 27, 1905.

Secretary Woman's Board of Home Missions,

Methodist Episcopal Church, 150 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Friend:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church is desirous of ascertaining the scale of salaries paid by other Boards to missionary teachers, Bible readers, nurses and medical missionaries. We shall be greatly obliged if you will furnish us with your scale of salaries in all your fields, especially in regard to the work in Cuba and Porto Rico.

Thanking you in advance for the information, I am,

Cordially yours,

Elliott Brooks

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, October 31, 1905.

Mrs. E. V. Pomeroy,

1400 Nicollet Ave.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Pomeroy:-

Miss Patrie is back from her Western trip and tells us of your concern in regard to the new house at Chinayo, New Mexico. I want to relieve your mind in regard to it. We now have in hand $739.98; a portion of this, however, has been expended for the lot, but nearly $700 is available for the erection of the building. Albany Presbyterial Society has agreed to furnish part of this money, and we are hoping they may secure the full amount, so that it need not be a burden to your ladies, unless they desire to make further contributions to it.

We are sorry to have you retire from the office of Synodical President but know that your prayers and sympathy will still be with the Woman's Board. As Mrs. Noyes is the new Synodical President, we take it for granted that you will remain as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Woman's Board from the Minnesota Synodical Society.

I have just returned from my synodical trip, and had a most delightful time attending synodical meetings in Michigan, Indian Territory, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri, besides visiting all

the schools in the Indian field. It is delightful to know the men face to face, and we are able to present it to societies with a much more enthusiasm and zeal when we do so.

With love and best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Beale.

Dictated.

New York, October 31, 1905.

Rev. D. Stuart Dodge, D. D.,

Westogue, Hartford Co., Conn.

Dear Dr. Dodge:-

Your letter asking for stereopticon slides on "Our Country" at hand. I will gladly do over it and to kind one of the Literature Department. I have sent the [illegible] from the Lecture sent to you. [illegible]

Ellen A. Beale.

New York, November 4, 1905.

Dictated.

Mrs. D. S. Gregory,

462 West 153rd St., City.

Dear Mrs. Gregory:-

I am just back from my long synodical trip and, of course, find a lot of mail. The girls were well but my sister has been very, very ill, having been obliged to undergo a serious operation. She is a little better this morning, and we are hoping for the best.

It has been decided not to omit any names on the cover of the Home Mission Monthly, as we think all can be printed by using a little smaller type, so you will hear on both the Publication Committee and the Mormon Committee.

In regard to somebody to look up in opening a new school among the Mormons, I will see what can be done. Would you not be willing to assume a part of the support of a school already established? Of course, there are many calls for our work and there would be no difficulty in locating a place, but not all of our old work has regular support and if you felt that you could take one-half a teacher's salary, which in the Mormon field would be $250.00 per year, we could assign some teacher to work for those support no one is responsible. Some time when you are in the city we can talk it over.

You doubtless understand that there will be no meeting on Tuesday, as it is Election Day, so that I may not see you until the next third Tuesday meeting, November 21st.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated.

New York, November 4, 1905.

Mrs. H. C. Cline,

63 Cleveland St.,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Cline:

I am just back from my long expected trip and find your letter. I do not think that all names on all committees can be printed on the cover of the Home Mission Monthly by using a little smaller type, so that our name will remain on both committees.

I had been notified that you desired to be released from the responsibility of monthly meetings, but I hope you will be willing to remain on the N.E.F. Home as no other can be secured. I will, however, bring the matter to the attention of Mrs. Jones if you insist upon it.

Hoping to see you at the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee on November 14th, when important business in connection with Young People's Work will be considered, I am,

Very cordially yours,

of the year to secure a first class teacher, as most of the best ones are engaged, but we are not forgetful of you.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated.

New York, November 4, 1903.

Rev. R. L. Barnaiqan,

Bedford, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Barnaiqan:

Whole in Japan, a few weeks ago, Rev. H. V. Higbee told me that you had completed a system of memory work in connection with Bible study. Would you be willing to send me a copy of your plan? I want to have it for use in the committee of the Woman's Board which is preparing a course of Bible study for our mission schools; and anything you can do to help us, or any books you may be able to recommend, will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, November 4, 1905.

Mrs. L. C. Ross,

Tahlequah, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Ross:-

I reached home at the time expected and can assure you that I was glad to get there. I found my daughters very well but my sister has been very, very ill, so ill that one day I was unable to be at the office; she is a little better now, but still not out of danger.

The orders in your letter have been filled so far as we have been able to do so. The Handbook on Presbyterial and Synodical Work is out of print, but is being revised, though the work is not yet completed so we can not fill that order.

By degrees you will find out your duties as Synodical President. Some of your presbyterial presidents have been a long time in office, and Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Hume will be able to keep you informed as to the method of procedure.

The letter Miss Moore sent you is a sort of an annual affair that we send out each year to synodical presidents telling them what their work will be. This special synodical work covers only the receipts from new societies; the advance is in old societies but does not cover the special work done by each presbyterial society.

Of course, you know that Mrs. Farrand has recently moved from Montana, where she was a synodical officer, so you have another worker who knows something about synodical work.

It will be far easier for you to ask questions when there is anything you do not understand, as I will then know just what information you are in need of, but do not hesitate to write whenever there is anything you want to know.

I, too, am glad that I had the privilege of meeting you and Mr. Ross. We have not succeeded in getting a first class primary teacher for Tahlequah, but hope to do so within a short time. I do not want anybody but a first class teacher sent there, and this is a hard time of the year to secure one, but I can assure you we are doing our best. Of course, you know the Board decided not to sell the property and the school will be continued. I hope all talk of closing the school will be stopped, for when there is any uncertainty in regard to a work it is apt to injure it.

With kind regards to your husband and yourself, I am,

Yours very cordially,

Ella A. Poole

Dictated. New York, November 4, 1905.

Mrs. A. W. Parsons,

Rye, New York.

Dear Mrs. Parsons:-

I had not had time to read all my mail when I saw you last Tuesday. It has been decided that all names can be printed on the cover of the Home Mission Monthly by using a little smaller type, so that we will not need to make any changes, and I hope you will not resign as Chairman of the Committee on Devotional Meetings. You are so faithful and have served so long on the Woman's Board that you know the workers and the work and I do not see how we could get along without you, or how we could secure another chairman of the committee who would be able to do the work one-fourth as well as you do. I judge from our little conversation last Tuesday that you will continue to serve, and I will not mention the fact of any change to Mrs. James unless you communicate with me further on the subject.

The enclosed is a copy of a request that has just come to us from the Baltimore Synodical Society, and as you prepared the Calendar this year, and have done so for so many years, you will be interested to see the request, for in all probability you will have

the work to do again next year. While out attending synodical meetings I heard many expressions of appreciation on the part of the women of the return to the form of Prayer Calendar so that the Scripture texts are included.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, November 6, 1905.

Mrs. Charles L. Thompson,

North Arlington Ave., East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Thompson:-

Mrs. Finks has found that by using a little smaller type all the names on the different committees can be printed on the cover of the Home Mission Monthly. Accordingly, no changes will be made.

Hoping that you will be with us at the next meeting of the Woman's Board, November 14th, when, as you know, important business will be considered, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, November 8, 1905.

Mrs. Hugh O'Neill,

143 West 57th St., City.

Dear Mrs. O'Neill:-

You were kind enough, a few years ago, to give the Woman's Board two flags for use in the Assembly room, but I regret to say that one of them has disappeared. Whether some one borrowed it and failed to return it, or it was deliberately stolen, we do not know; the fact remains that we have only one of the flags. While I do not want to be too presumptuous, I am writing to ask if you would be willing to give us another. The size is two and one-half yards wide by three yards and thirty inches long. If you do not feel you can furnish the flag, could you secure it for us at any reduction? There is no prettier decoration than the American flag, and it is peculiarly appropriate in a room devoted to the cause of Home Missions, for Home Missions are simply what Christian people are investing help make and keep American a Christian nation. Therefore, nothing can be more patriotic than that.

Hoping you can grant the request - at least that you can help us in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella S. Burke,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, November 9, 1905.

Mrs. C. P. Noyes,
89 Virginia Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Noyes:-

Your letter of November 4th at hand. I had intended sending you a word of greeting and welcome to our synodical family, and am glad your letter gives me this opportunity.

The Handbook for Synodical and Presbyterial Workers is out of print, and while we have been trying for some time to have it revised, we have not yet succeeded in having it done.

I believe that in all synods they still have synodical committees, made up of about three members from each presbytery. These ladies are members of your synodical executive committee, but their attendance upon the meetings is not imperative, but if they can come, all right. You will be expected to render a report to synod each year, but this is done on the synodical blank which is sent out in February.

The officers of the synodical society are elected at the annual meeting, and while the conditions in synods vary, usually the presbyterial officers, with the members of the synodical committee from each presbytery, make up this synodical meeting. Sometimes there is auxiliary representation, but distances are so great and

traveling expenses count up so much that it is no usual. Without doubt you have a constitution for Minnesota that will help you with these facts.

Did you appoint vice-presidents at your annual meeting? As we have the list now Mrs. Pomeroy and Mrs. D. R. Moyes are the vice-presidents. Naturally your name would take the place of Mrs. Pomeroy, as the synodical president is, ex-officio, a vice-president of the Woman's Board. This will leave Mrs. Pomeroy out, and if there is no other way we must arrange to have her one of the Vice-Presidents at Large of the Woman's Board. She is a dear good woman; has given so many years of service to the Home Mission cause that we want her kept in touch with the work, even though she is not physically able to carry the burden of it.

A letter was sent her some time ago in regard to the building at Chamyo, New Mexico, and she got the impression that Minnesota was expected to raise the whole of the $2,[illegible] required, but I have written her since that that over $700 of the money is in hand. We will need nearly $1,000, but some money is expected from some other source, so that it need not be a great burden upon your societies. Without doubt she has passed it over to you, with the synodical letter that was sent out in June containing your special apportionment for Minnesota, and if after having read it there are any questions you want to ask, we will be glad to answer them.

In the matter of your treasurer not being able to serve: In many synodical societies the secretary is also the treasurer of the contingent fund, as the presbyterial treasurers send their gifts

(Mrs. Noyes, #2.)

for Home Mission work directly to Miss Lincoln. That might help you out for this year, unless you thought it wiser to appoint a new secretary at the meeting of your officers on November 14th.

Trusting I have answered all your questions, and assuring you that I will be glad to be of any service to you in my power, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Beals.

New York, November 9, 1905.

Dictated.

Miss Mary Lowrey Babcock,
73 West Lake St., Chi.

Dear Miss Babcock:-

(2. 1.) I am planning to be with you for your meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 19th, at 4.15 o'clock. I am glad that date is free so that I can fulfill my promise made so long ago to you. I note what you say as to the subject matter of the talk, and will do my best.

Very cordially yours,

E. A. Beals.

Dictated. New York, November 9, 1905.

Dr. C. Irving Fisher,

Presbyterian Hospital, City.

Dear Dr. Fisher:-

We are to have one nurse graduate this coming month at our hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, and Dr. Colbert has written asking us about diplomas and class pin. In our dilemma we come to you not only because we know you are interested in our work but because we know you will be willing to help us out. Could you send us a sample of the diplomas used at the Presbyterian Hospital, or at least tell us where you purchase them, also about the class pins for your nurses? Do you have a special design, or would we be able to secure a stock pin, having engraved upon it "Presbyterian Hospital, San Juan, Porto Rico?" Any information you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Brooks.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, November 10, 1905.

Miss Minnie E. Lauren,

Harlan, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Lauren:-

Your letter of October 30th at hand, and I was so glad to learn that everything is moving along so nicely at Harlan. I shall never forget you dear, good people down there and my pleasant visit, the memory of which is accentuated by that long, hard drive and our lunch of chestnuts on the way.

I am sure that in a family of five workers there has to be the two bears (bear and forbear) as there has to be even if a family of two are going to harmonize, but you are all Christian people and I believ are each willing to yield your part in order that the good of the whole may be maintained.

I like your suggestion very much that when the girls get new dresses they get the same material. Navy blue serge or flannel makes serviceable dresses, and the girls will like it when they grow accustomed to wearing the same kind of dresses. You know at Asheville the uniform is navy blue skirt and jacket, with white waists, and it is possible you can persuade the girls at Harlan to have theirs made in the same way. Of course, we do not feel that we can provide uniforms for the girls, but if their parents furnish

them with a new dress each year that can easily be arranged.

I had a very pleasant trip in the Indian field - not so many long rides as in the mountain field, and I am afraid I did not get as much material for addresses, but still I learned conditions and it is a great help here in the office to be able to know things.

Since returning home my sister has been very, very ill, so that at times we have been fearful as to the result; she is, however, a little better, and although she will be obliged to remain at the hospital for a month yet if no untoward symptoms develop, we are hopeful of her recovery.

Miss Lincoln and Mr. Craig are both in Asheville but are expected back next week. Miss Petrie is expected back to-day, and then we will all be at home for a little time.

With Dr. McAfee's illness our work has been broken into much during the summer, so that every department is busy to its fullest extent.

Give my love to all the workers, and with very pleasant memories of my visit to Harlan, and praying that God will bless you in your work, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Nov. 10th,

Miss V. M. White,
24 East 47th St., City.

Dear Miss White:-

It is very important that every member of the Ways and Means Committee should be present on Tuesday, Nov. 14th, as the matter in regard to the Young People's Work, which was considered on Sept. 26th, was deferred until this date. Hoping you may be able to be present, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 15, 1905.

Mrs. George F. McAfee,
711 Washington Ave.,
Red Oak, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. McAfee:-

Your letter at hand, and I can assure you that we were very glad to hear from you. By this time you know that Mrs. Pingry has come into the office and will probably remain until after General Assembly to assist in the work of what we still call "Dr. McAfee's department." This will give Mr. Craig freedom to visit the fields, and at the same time the work of the department will be properly carried on.

We are all back from our synodical trips and I enjoyed mine very much, visiting the schools in Indian Territory and going to Anadarko.

It is not necessary for me to tell you anything about the meetings of the Woman's Board, for you will receive the minutes as rapidly as they are sent out; it is only sufficient to say that we are very, very busy. It seems as if the work of every department grows, but that only means extension of the work.

My daughters are both well, Emily happy in her High School work, and Florence enjoying her college work, which is this year her Junior year.

You will be sorry to know that my sister has been very, very ill, so that we have been very fearful as to the result. She was obliged to undergo a serious operation, and complications arose but am thankful to say that she is now improving a little bit every day, and we hope for the best.

Dr. McAfee will be interested, as well as yourself, to know that it has been decided to put the young man with Miss Petrie in the Young People's Department, so that the Home Board is to be strengthened by the addition of another officer. It took us a long time to reach the conclusion, but it was decided yesterday at the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee.

Miss Lincoln and Mr. Craig have both returned from the mountain field, but Mr. Craig will go back in a few weeks to visit the rest of the schools.

I am glad to know that Dr. McAfee is improving and trust that it will not be very many months before he will be entirely recovered. We miss him very much here at the office, and you have our earnest prayers for your prosperity and health.

With very kind regards to Dr. McAfee and yourself, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 20, 1905.

Mrs. W. A. M. Grier,

76 St. James Place,

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mrs. Grier:-

Miss Rue has brought your letter in and I have mine of this morning. Enclosed is a copy of that portion of the letter telling of the gifts of the Indian women. There are so many things to be thankful for that it is hard to specify.

First, the gifts to the Woman's Board this past year have been larger than any year in our history. We will enclose a leaflet that will show that.

We published an appeal in the "New York Observer" a few weeks ago for $300.00 to be used in completing a new building at Rocky Fork, Tenn. Within a week a lady came into the office with three one hundred dollar bills, and said that a friend, who did not want her name known, wanted it to complete that building. This was in the mountain field.

Mr. Converse has recently given $5,680 to erect a new nurses' home and kitchen in connection with our hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico.

I received a letter Saturday from a woman of means in New York who said she had some money and that her conscience troubled her because it was not being used, and wanted to know where it could

be applied in the New Mexico field. I have written her that we needed a new teachers' home at Las Truchas, New Mexico, where Miss Allison, with Polita Padilla, are now teaching. I haven't much doubt but what we will get the whole of the $1,000 necessary.

We have great cause for thankfulness in two new superintendents that have been called to two of our schools - one for New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah, Mr. John M. Cathcart; the other, Mr. W. G. Beattie, who has gone to Sitka, Alaska. Both are men of consecration and good common sense, and will, we believe, make excellent superintendents.

Another cause for thankfulness is that the investigation into the charges against Reed Smoot have shown Mormonism to the people of this country, as it never would have been shown except the testimony were given under oath. For years the women have been saying that polygamy was still practiced in Utah, but the men have felt that the women were mistaken; now it can not be denied.

Another cause for thankfulness is that Mr. Davidson of Elizabeth, N. J., gave $3,000 to get a new water plant at Albuquerque, New Mexico, so that now the school is plentifully supplied with water.

When I try to speak of the specific things I am almost overwhelmed with the numbers, for God has been very good to us this year, and if we are to judge of the growth of the work by the correspondence in this office, I must say in some departments the work has increased fully twenty per cent. and in others it has almost doubled.

Yours with love,

Ella T. Boole.

Dictated. New York, November 23, 1908.

Rev. Frederick W. Hawley, D. D.,

Oklahoma City, Okla. Ter.

Dear Dr. Hawley:-

Your letter of November 17th at hand. I think you are laboring under a misapprehension, and I think I can relieve your mind in some respects.

For a number of years the Woman's Board has paid one-half the salaries of the Synodical Missionaries in those synods where our schools are located, with the expectation that such Synodical Missionaries would look after the interests of the school work when called upon. While I do not know that specific instructions were given to the Synodical Missionaries in regard to their work, yet I do know that some of them have given a great deal of time to the school work.

This year a change was made in the office, and not on account of any specific case, but as a change in principle, the Woman's Board does not now pay anything toward the salary of any Synodical Missionary. This was brought about because we wanted a Field Superintendent in the person of Mr. Craig, whose duty it is to visit all the fields and so be able to report personally to the office the needs of the schools. So you will see there was nothing

personal in the matter of your salary no longer being paid by the Woman's Board. But in the little conversation we had on the train, I was surprised, as a new worker, to learn that you had never been informed that you were expected to have any oversight of the schools in your Territory.

It is not necessary to open the matter here, further than to say that there is not the slightest feeling on the part of our workers that you have not done your whole duty. You know I am new in the office and perhaps do not understand all the instructions that have gone on in former years, but I was speaking on the general principle. I have been very glad to say to the ladies that you had not received any instructions to look after the school work, and they have all read your letter. Please do not give yourself any further concern in regard to it, neither must you feel that the change in the matter of salary was for any other reason than a change of policy.

I understand from Mr. Craig that he was appointed Superintendent of Schools by his Synod, and that his instructions did not come from this office; he always did a great deal of school work, devoting nearly half his time to the interests of that work. The situation is a little different in Indian Territory, and I am sure you have always appreciated the value of our work, but the schools are grouped in Indian Territory, and there are not so many isolated places as in New Mexico or in the mountains of the South.

I am very glad to have had the opportunity of talking with you in regard to the work, and regret that you should not have understood the situation.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A Brooks

Dictated. New York, November 23, 1905.

Mrs. George C. Higbee,
Marquette, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Higbee:-

I am always very glad when a worker is ready to ask questions about anything she does not understand, and so your letter, instead of causing a knot in my brow or a smile on my lips, is very welcome.

It is true that General Assembly delegated to the women of the Presbyterian Church the care of the school work undertaken by our Board, and that in general the work of evangelization is the part undertaken by the Board of Home Missions. It is also true that gifts have grown until those of the Woman's Board are almost as great as the gifts that come to the Home Board. There are some ministers who feel that too large a proportion of the money in the church is given for the school work, but we do not feel that this is so and are thankful that God has put it into the hearts of the women of the church to contribute as they have for this very great need in our land. There are still many open doors, nevertheless, one hundred and five church organizations have grown out of the school work of the Woman's Board. Most of these are in needy fields, and most of them must be supported by the Board of Home Missions, so that the very prosperity that has attended our work has

brought added burdens to the Board of Home Missions. If their gifts had increased proportionately there would be no concern in the matter, but there has not been the same increase in their gifts. Therefore, the Woman's Board was asked to care for a part of the evangelistic work that had grown out of the school work. This year we assume $27,000, and are making the very best effort we know how to get it.

The fifteen per cent. advance asked for from our auxiliary societies is for evangelization and for work among the foreign-speaking people. There are many calls for this, but we are unable to respond to them but are hoping that from this special appeal there may come in sufficient money to meet these claims for evangelistic work and perhaps permit the opening of work among foreign-speaking people in every synod. Certainly this will be done if there is sufficient money forthcoming.

If I have not made myself clear I shall be glad to hear from you again.

I am so glad to have met you at Detroit and hope we may meet again some time.

Very cordially yours,

Estella H. Brode

Dictated. New York, November 27, 1905.

Miss Mary Johns,

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Miss Johns:-

January 10, 1905, the following resolution was passed by the Woman's Board:-

"It is suggested to presbyteries which may so desire that they appoint a committee on mission schools, to co-operate with an equal number of mission school teachers within the bounds of the presbytery, who shall be appointed by the Woman's Board, in presenting to the Board such information relating to mission schools as may to them seem wise, or as may be asked for by the Board."

French Broad Presbytery has appointed Rev. C. O. Gray, Rev. Thomas Lawrence, D. D., and Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D., as members of that committee; and I have the pleasure of informing you that the Woman's Board has appointed Miss Frances L. Goodrich, Miss Julia E. Phillips and Miss Mary Johns as their committee.

Hoping that you will accept the appointment, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Roole

Dictated. New York, November 27, 1905.

Mrs. W. W. Smith,

38 South Hamilton Ave.,

Poughkeepsie, New York.

Dear Mrs. Smith:-

Your letter enclosing check for $500 to help in the building fund at Las Truchas, New Mexico, at hand. Thank you very much for it. It will be a great lift in the way of getting the rest of the money necessary.

We knew you had the Home Mission Monthly but I wanted you to be sure and find all the places where Polita was spoken of, and so we sent you an extra copy.

About the Prince Albert suit for Mr. McCarroll:- I saw him last winter, and while he is a man about the build of Mr. Smith, I do not know whether the suit would fit him or not. We can, however, get his measurements, if you would like to have them, and perhaps the suit could be altered to fit him.

I am glad you hear from the field, for it certainly is a lonely one. I visited them last winter and rode Mr. McCarroll's horseup to Big Pine, which is one of his outstations.

Again thanking you for your gift for the Las Truchas' work, and praying that God will continue to bless you and your husband in every good work, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, November 27, 1905.

Miss Mary Johns,

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Miss Johns:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday last I was directed to convey to you the hearty thanks of the Woman's Board for your faithful service during the prolonged illness and convalescence of Miss Stephenson. We appreciate your devotion to the work, and when the question as to your vacation came up, it was very cordially granted by the ladies, the length of time to be arranged by yourself and Miss Stephenson.

Hoping that you may have a good rest, even though we learn you expect to spend a part of it visiting the societies in French Broad Presbytery, I am,

Yours with love,

Eugene Beale.

Dictated. New York, November 29, 1905.

Mrs. Mary C. Hickman,

Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Hickman:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board, on Tuesday, it was voted to ask you to prepare the program for the Interdenominational Day of Prayer, which will this year be on February 23rd.

There is no national organization in the Congregational Church, so we decided to correspond with Mrs. Kincaid, who is the President of the New York Home Missionary Society, and see if she can not recommend some one who will provide the program for another year, but we hope you will do so this year. You are so interested in the work, and have been on the committee from the first, so I scarcely need make a suggestion to you, but we hope you will have it printed in as attractive a form as possible, but that it may be sold at fifty cents a hundred, this to cover postage if possible. We think we can dispose of twenty thousand (20,000) copies, and will do our best to have the day observed generally by our societies.

Regretting that I could not send you this information sooner, but hoping that you will be able to get the program ready very soon, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen C. Cooke.

Dictated. New York, December 1, 1905.

Mrs. J. R. Harrah,

Beaver, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Harrah:-

I am very sorry to say that every copy of the program on the San Juan Hospital for the Sunday before Thanksgiving is gone. First we ordered 85,000 copies, and then, fearing we would not have enough, ordered 15,000 more, and then had to order 10,000 additional copies, and every one is gone. It is too late to have any more printed. I regret it very much, but enclose a leaflet on medical mission work under the Woman's Board and perhaps you can get some facts from that to present to the Sabbath school.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 2, 1905

Mrs. A. E. Manypenny,
Milford, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Manypenny:-

Your letter at hand. I will see what literature was sent you in regard to the work among the Mountaineers and if there is anything additional will add it. Let me suggest, however, the December number of the Home Mission Monthly, which contains the latest information in regard to the work on that field.

It was my privilege to visit twenty-two of our mission schools in the mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina last year, and I can assure you there is no more interesting field in all our work than that. Take for instance the Home Industrial and you see the girls who come into the school crude and uncultured, dressed in their linsey-woolsey dresses, scarcely ever having known how to do up their hair, and then see the girls of the graduating class, who have learned how to cook, to sew, to keep house, and gone as far as the eighth grade in their school work; see them on the platform at their commencement, dressed in their pretty white gowns every stitch of which they have made themselves. You will see in them one kind of evolution, if you do not believe in any other - the evolution of the mountain girl.

The same is true of the Farm School. I stood before a company of boys there -140 - bright, intelligent some of them were, while others were the rough mountain boy, but the school work and the Christian training makes of them good, American citizens. The outlook is good, the need of education is great, and many more calls come to us each year than we are able to respond to.

In regard to temperance work:- A great deal of excellent temperance work is being done in our Home Mission schools, and we will send you a copy of one of the back numbers of the Home Mission Monthly that tells some of the temperance work that is being done in our schools. I found some schools in which the temperance catechism was being taught; in others every child in the school had signed the total abstinence pledge. In Harlan, Ky., a temperance society has been started in connection with the school; at the Farm School a temperance meeting is held often on Sunday afternoons at four o'clock, and every effort is made to have the principle wrought out in the lives of the boys and girls. Our teachers stand for total abstinence everywhere, and also for purity. There is great need of purity work in the mountains, for impurity is everywhere. While the Woman's Board does not have a distinct department of temperance work, they recognize the temperance and purity work as a part of the whole gospel, and our teachers everywhere are encouraged to work along these lines, and the societies at home can assist individual teachers by supplying them with temperance and purity literature. This is a practical suggestion which may well be wrought out in auxiliary societies.

Very cordially yours,

Julia A. Brooks.

Dictated. New York, December 5, 1905.

Miss Alice Robertson,

Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Miss Robertson:-

On behalf of the Woman's Board I write to express our sincere sympathy with you in the death of your mother, and our hearty appreciation of her valued service to Christian work among the Indians. Her long life, her devotion to the work, her consecration to the welfare of the Indians will be a blessed memory for you, and while no one can take the place of a good mother, yet you can think of her as reaping the fruits of a well spent life. May God bless and comfort you and bring out of your sorrow such a blessing as will help you in every line of Christian work.

In loving sympathy,

Ellen A. Boyle

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, December 5, 1905.

Mrs. H. P. Merriman,
2239 Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Merriman:-

On behalf of the Woman's Board I write to express our sincere sympathy with you in the death of your mother, and our hearty appreciation of her valued service to Christian work among the Indians. Her long life, her devotion to the work and her consecration to the welfare of the Indians will be a blessed memory for you, and while no one can take the place of a good mother, yet you can think of her as reaping the fruits of a well spent life. May God bless and comfort you and bring out of your sorrow such a blessing as will help you in every line of Christian work.

In loving sympathy,

Ellen Boole
Secretary

Dictated. New York, December 18, 1905.

Mrs. V. P. Boggs,

Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Boggs:-

Tuesday afternoon there was a conference of the officers of the Woman's Board and the Finance Committee in reference to the Freedmen's work.

When General Assembly authorized the women of the church to contribute for the Freedmen's work through the Woman's Home Missionary Societies, it was understood that the money contributed should be an extra and should in no sense diminish the amount given for Home Missions.

At the conference quotations from some of your letters were read, in which you said that the division two-fifths for Home, two-fifths for Foreign, and one-fifth for Freedmen's work met with the approval of the Woman's Board. There must be some misunderstanding, for no action has ever been taken by the Woman's Board approving this. In a letter to you last spring, referring to the division of funds in Colorado, I stated particularly that contributions for the Freedmen's work must be an extra, but inasmuch as some had said that the money from the Home and Foreign missionary societies must be divided between Home and Foreign, and the Freedmen's work taken from

the Home. I said it seemed to me the division, as in Nebraska, was the better one, but that remark was made with no idea of giving the impression that such division had been authorized by the Woman's Board; it is simply an arrangement in Nebraska and some of the Western synods.

I do not know whether you were present at the conference at the Annual meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana, last May, when the matter of the division of funds for the Freedmen's work was brought up. The methods of the different synods were presented, but the conference declined to make any recommendation in regard to such division. Some liked the plan of the Western synods, others preferred the proportion as fixed by General Assembly (8%), which is a very much smaller proportion; while others felt that the gifts for Freedmen's work must be entirely separate and distinct from those for Home and Foreign missions and would be, therefore, just what the women so designated.

I was also directed to ask you to explain the meaning of question four in your blanks, namely, "Do your local societies have Freedmen's Secretaries?"

Our ladies expressed hearty appreciation of your presentation of the work for Freedmen, but the organization - auxiliary, presbyterial and synodical - is a part of the Woman's Board; the expenses of administration are borne entirely by the Woman's Board, and the ladies felt that the amount given for the Freedmen's work should not be out of proportion to that given for special objects for work among the exceptional peoples, and that you yourself would want the proper proportion maintained. Do you not think that

(Mrs. Boggs, #2.)

much confusion would be avoided if before making your apportionment for the year you could come on to New York and let us talk the matter over?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, December 18, 1905.

Mrs. V. P. Boggs,

Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Boggs:-

Do you know of a colored church where they would like a pulpit Bible? Miss P. F. Grant, 106 South 33rd St., Philadelphia, Penna., has one which she is anxious to dispose of, and would like to have it go to a colored church. As she is breaking up housekeeping, perhaps it would be well for you to write her at once.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, December 20, 1905.

General Pleasant Porter,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

The time approaches when the contract of the Woman's Board of Home Missions with the Creek Nation for providing teachers for Nuyaka will expire. It would be a great pity for such a school to be closed. It may be that the Council of the Creek Nation has some plan in regard to it. If so, we hope you will inform us. While we would not have the money with which to purchase the plant, or to carry the school on, furnishing free board and clothing, as has been done in the past, if a way could be devised whereby the property could be turned over to the Woman's Board for five years, the school might be supported by scholarships of $75.00 each, which many of the Indians might be willing and able to pay for their children. The school might not be so large for a time, still some of the Creek children would have a chance for a Christian education, and I repeat, at this time, with conditions in Indian Territory being in such a transitory state, it would be a great pity for the school to be closed.

It is possible that the Creek Nation is planning for the continuance of the school until the close of the school year;

this ought to be done, if possible, and we are prepared to provide the teachers until that time, but it is for the future that we must make some definite plans and that very soon.

Remembering your kind offices in the past, I am directed by the Board to write you in reference to this, and any assistance you may render will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Ellen T. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, December 20, 1905.

Rev. Frederick W. Hawley, D. D.,

305 Fifth St., Oklahoma City, Okla. Ter.

Dear Dr. Hawley:-

Your letter of December 14th at hand. The matter of Professor Stroh's salary was presented at the joint conference this morning, and as we were all united in feeling that Prof. Stroh could not support his family upon $500.00 per year, yet we felt that Synod should pay the $300 which it was represented to us they would do when he entered upon his work, and we think that synod ought to fulfill its part of the contract. We do not want to lose Prof. Stroh, for we believe he is doing excellent work, but we do feel that a little of the responsibility for Henry Kendall College ought to be borne by the Synod. If this money were apportioned among the churches, it seems to us they ought to be able to raise it.

The Woman's Board is putting a good deal of money into Henry Kendall. We would be glad if the Synod would assume the support of it, but if they are not able to raise $300.00, it looks as if the time were very far off in the future when they would be able to make it a real synodical college.

Will you not make another effort to raise the $300.00 by apportioning it among the different churches? It is already one of the most expensive plants we have, and we are not in a position to assume anything extra at the present time.

Wishing for you and yours all the joys of the holiday time, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated.

New York, December 20, 1905.

Miss K. B. Walsh,

49 East 73rd St., City.

Dear Miss Walsh:-

Your letter came while I was in Boston attending a series of meetings, and Mrs. Gildersleeve informs me that you brought your paper in and read it to her, so that it will hardly be necessary for you to take either your time or mine.

I am glad we had the little talk the day you were in, and am sure you want to do everything that is for the best interests of the work.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 21, 1905.

Miss Frances L. Goodrich,

Allanstand, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Goodrich:-

Your communication of December 5th, accepting the position as a member of the committee to co-operate with the committee from French Broad Presbytery in the interests of the mission school work, at hand. While the duties of the committee have not yet been fully outlined, there are two or three matters that can be stated definitely.

1st. The work of the committee ought not to entail any additional expenses upon the Woman's Board, so that any meeting held ought to be held in connection with French Broad Presbytery in the spring, when recommendations can be forwarded to this office.

2nd. The work of the committee is purely advisory, the deciding power, in every case, being at this end of the line.

3rd. The special mission of the ladies appointed upon this committee is to protect the interests of the Woman's Board. As matters may arise from time to time, additional instruction will be sent you.

With best wishes for the holiday season for you and all the workers in the Laurel country, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, December 20, 1905.

Mrs. E. A. Spaulding,

Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mrs. Spaulding:-

Last fall we wrote Rev. Mr. Logie in reference to the appointment of a synodical committee of women for Home Missions, with a view to organizing a synodical society. We understand that synod passed a resolution referring the matter to the societies already organized. No presbyterial societies have been organized in New Mexico, but as you are presbyterial president for Arizona, we write now asking whether you think it would be at all feasible to organize a synodical society for New Mexico and Arizona. This is almost the only synod in which there is no synodical society, and although there are not very many missionary societies, yet it would be a good thing if a synodical organization could be framed. Do you think it would be possible to get any of the ladies together in connection with the meeting of synod another year? Can we be of any service to you in furthering this work?

With the greetings of the holiday season, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, December 22, 1905.

Miss M. W. McAllister,

Aguadilla, Porto Rico.

Dear Miss McAllister:-

Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Presbyterian Church, sails for Porto Rico, Saturday, December 30th, and will spend Sunday, January 7th in San Juan. He will hold an evangelistic conference in San Juan on Monday, January 8, 1906, to which all the missionaries of the Board, and the teachers of the Woman's Board are invited.

Accordingly I am writing you urging that, if possible, you arrange for yourself and the other teachers at Aguadilla to attend. The Woman's Board will pay traveling expenses of such teachers as attend, and if you will notify Dr. John W. Colbert, at the Presbyterian Hospital, San Juan, entertainment will be provided from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

This will necessitate closing school for two days and absence from the field, but we are sure that the evangelistic conference will be a spiritual blessing to all of you, and a real help in your work.

With kind regards to the other teachers, and wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, December 22, 1905

Miss Jennie T. Ordway,

Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

Dear Miss Ordway:-

Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Presbyterian Church, sails for Porto Rico, Saturday, December 30th, and will spend Sunday, January 7th in San Juan. He will hold an evangelistic conference in San Juan on Monday, January 8, 1906, to which all the missionaries of the Board, and the teachers of the Woman's Board are invited.

Accordingly I am writing you urging that, if possible, you arrange for yourself and the other teachers at Mayaguez to attend. The Woman's Board will pay traveling expenses of such teachers as attend, and if you will notify Dr. John W. Colbert, at the Presbyterian Hospital, San Juan, entertainment will be provided from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

This will necessitate closing school for two days and absence from the field, but we are sure that the evangelistic conference will be a spiritual blessing to all of you, and a real help in your work.

With kind regards to the other teachers, and wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, December 22, 1905.

Miss Helen M. King,

San Jaun, Porto Rico.

Dear Miss King:-

Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Presbyterian Church, sails for Porto Rico, Saturday, December 30th, and will spend Sunday, January 7th, in San Juan. He will hold an evangelistic conference in San Juan on Monday, January 8, 1906, to which all the missionaries of the Board, and the teachers of the Woman's Board are invited.

Accordingly I am writing you urging that, if possible, you and Miss McLean attend. Kindly speak to Miss Tomasa about attending also. This will necessitate closing school on Monday, but we are sure that the evangelistic conference will be a spiritual blessing to all of you, and a real help in your work.

With kind regards to the other teachers, and wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. New York, December 22, 1905.

Miss M. F. Tompkins,

Lares, Porto Rico.

Dear Miss Tompkins:-

Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Presbyterian Church, sails for Porto Rico, Saturday, December 30th, and will spend Sunday, January 7th, in San Juan. He will hold an evangelistic conference in San Juan on Monday, January 8, 1906, to which all the missionaries of the Board, and the teachers of the Woman's Board are invited.

Accordingly I am writing you urging that, if possible, you arrange for yourself and the other teachers at Lares to attend. The Woman's Board will pay traveling expenses of such teachers as attend, and if you will notify Dr. John W. Colbert, at the Presbyterian Hospital, San Juan, entertainment will be provided from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

This will necessitate closing school for two days and absence from the field, but we are sure that the evangelistic conference will be a spiritual blessing to all of you, and a real help in your work.

With kind regards to the other teachers, and wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, December 21, 1905.

Rev. Alexander Henry, D. D.,
410 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Henry:-

Referring to the matter of boxes for Sabbath School Missionaries, I write to state the action of our Board at a recent meeting. We understand that it is your custom to secure gifts of clothing from Sabbath schools and Ladies' Aid Societies for your missionaries to distribute among the needy with whom they come in contact. You, of course, know that we provide boxes of clothing for missionaries under the Board of Home Missions, and for the schools under the Woman's Board.

The action of the Woman's Board is that if you are unable to secure all you need through the Ladies' Aid Societies and the Sabbath schools, if you will apply to us through our box department, we will do what we can to supply additional clothing for you. We can not promise to supply an unlimited quantity, but will do the best we can.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole,
Secretary.

Dictated. New York, December 22, 1905.

Mrs. Adela Sousa,

Isabela, Porto Rico.

Dear Mrs. Sousa:-

Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Presbyterian Church, sails for Porto Rico, Saturday, December 30th, and will spend Sunday, January 7th, in San Juan. He will hold an evangelistic conference in San Juan on Monday, January 8, 1906, to which all the missionaries of the Board, and the teachers of the Woman's Board are invited.

Accordingly I am writing to you to urge that, if possible, you attend. The Woman's Board will pay your traveling expenses if you attend, and if you will notify Dr. John W. Colbert, at the Presbyterian Hospital, San Juan, entertainment will be provided from Saturday until Tuesday.

This will necessitate absence from the field, but we are sure that the evangelistic conference will be a spiritual blessing to you, and a real help in your work.

With kind regards, and wishing you a Happy New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated.

New York, December 27, 1905.

Miss V. M. White,

24 East 47th St., City.

Dear Miss White:-

Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., sails for Porto Rico on Saturday and will spend Sunday, January 7th, in San Juan, holding an evangelistic conference on Monday.

We have sent for all the teachers to attend that conference and thought perhaps it might be possible for you to change your plans and go down a little earlier if you knew of this. Any way, we want you to know about the conference.

Hoping you had a pleasant Christmas, and wishing you a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, December 26, 1905.

Rev. George F. McAfee, D. D.,

Adna, Washington.

Dear Dr. McAfee:-

Your letter has been on my desk for some time. We are always glad to hear from you but sorry to learn that both you and Mrs. McAfee have suffered with colds. You know how busy all the days are in the office and so will understand why I have not written before. Just now we are in the midst of the holidays, and are only on half duty.

Mr. Craig is just back from a visit to the mountain field. I do not know whether you have heard that Mr. Baskervill sent in his resignation as Superintendent of the Farm School. Of course, you know that Mrs. Pingry is in the office, and it is very pleasant to have her here.

The work jogs on about the same, but you will be glad to know that we are $27,000 ahead of what we were this time last year. Whether this means that we will be ahead at the end of the year we do not know, but it means that we are busy just now.

Miss Eaton's mother died very suddenly about Thanksgiving timw; she had another stroke of paralysis, following a severe cold.

Mr. Baer starts for California this afternoon and will be away for three weeks. You see I am putting in a little bit of news, because I know you are interested in everything pertaining to the office.

My daughters are well and send their love. We had a pleasant Christmas yesterday, even had a Christmas tree, and when asked, who we had it for, said, "for the baby," meaning Florence. I am afraid I won't dare call her that very much longer.

My sister came home from the hospital Thanksgiving day and is improving gradually, so that we are hopeful that with the rest of the winter she may perhaps be better than she has in a long time.

Fearing that you may not have received a Prayer Calendar, we are sending you one by this mail, because we know you will want to join your prayers with ours. Do pray with us that the Lord may call good men and women to be principals of our schools, for it is the greatest need now - men and women who are willing to sacrifice something, if necessary, that they may represent this work in making our schools the very best that can be made.

With love to Mrs. McAfee and yourself, I am,

Very cordially your friend,

Eleanor Berli.

Hoping to see they will give a Prayer Calendar in September, we will send another,

E. B.

Dictated. New York, December 27, 1905.

Miss Antoinette Brengle,

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Miss Brengle:-

Your letter of December 20th at hand: We are glad to learn that you have received quite a number of towels in response to the appeal in the "Ladies' Home Journal," and if you should receive more than you need you can send them to Albuquerque, as I presume with that great company of boys, they can use almost an unlimited quantity.

Kindly keep us advised as to the entire number, because the "Ladies' Home Journal" will want us to report. If given a chance to appeal for something next year, what do you think would be a good thing? In one school they said stockings, what do you say?

Wishing you and all the workers in the Allison School a very Happy New Year, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, December 27, 1905.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Finks:-

You will be sorry to know that Mrs. Baker has broken one of the small bones of her wrist, and so will be laid aside for a little time. We have about come to the conclusion in the office that it will be necessary for us to put a stenographer in that department - one who can learn the details of the work - and Miss Moore tells me you know of a young lady, a Miss Wyckoff, who might be fitted for the position. We have another young lady in mind, but it would be well to have Miss Wyckoff come in and see us, if you think she would be suitable for the work. You know it must be some one who will be willing to pay attention to details, and who would not come with the expectation of being here only a year, but it must be some one who will learn the work. We do not think our ladies will be willing to pay more than $40 to $45 per month.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

New York, December 27, 1905.

Dictated.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

Will you kindly let us know, as soon as the towels quit coming, how many have been received in the Home Industrial School in response to our appeal in the "Ladies' Home Journal?" I presume they will want us to report to them, so that they may keep track of all such gifts. If there are more than you need at the Home Industrial, we will want to distribute them among the other schools in the mountain field.

Wishing you and all the workers at the Home Industrial a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours with love.

Ellen A. Beale.

Dictated. New York, December 27, 1905.

Mr. W. L. Palmer,

Anadarko, Okla. Ter.

Dear Mr. Palmer:-

Of course, you have heard before this of the appeal made in the "Ladies' Home Journal" for towels for our mission schools, those for the Indian field were to be sent to Anadarko. Will you kindly let us know how many have been received up to date, as we will want to send some to the other schools in the Indian field?

Wishing you and your family a very Happy New Year, and praying that the work at Anadarko may be greatly blessed the coming year, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Poole.

can for you. It would be so helpful if the meetings could be on consecutive dates, then our speaker could attend all, and perhaps that is an ideal for which you are working.

Do not hesitate to ask me any questions in regard to the work at any time, as I shall count it a pleasure to answer them.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, January 3, 1906.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

We thank you for your letter telling us about how you are being deluged with towels. When they stop coming, let us know how many you have and we will find out where they are to be sent.

The request to make the appeal came to us from the "Ladies' Home Journal," so we are not responsible for that part, and what we have received will be so much to the good.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, I am,

Yours with love,

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